

Sir

As the contents of the following pages took their rise from your work, it is but just that I should dedicate to you what you are in some measure the Author of. Thave in them endeavoured to restore to Music its anaent & long neglected office of handmaid to Poetry: Poetry is the language of enthusiasm and passion; Music the suitable enunciation of that language: while therefore the latter subordinately cooperates with the former, it acts in its proper sphere: but when quitting this dependent situation, it arrogates to itself independence of nay dominion over, its powerful directrofs; it loses sight of the end of its nature & becomes justly reprehensible.

Whether this offspring of my labours may be considered altogether as a suitable enunciation of the lyric poetry of Caractacus, I know not: perhaps it does not entirely correspond to what might be produced by a continually spontaneous exertion of energetic Tancy: but not being always able to do what we would, we must, sometimes be satisfied with doing what we can: such as it is however. Those it will be found not entirely unworthy of the original: whatever are its merits or its faults, to a considerable, share of the former I consider you to be justly intitled, the latter, I must as justly take entirely upon myself.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE

MUSIC OF CARACTACUS.

THE design of this MUSIC is to represent, by corresponding Sounds and Rhythms, the Ideas expressed, and those alluded to, in the DRAMA, principally in it's lyric parts: the former is attempted to be done by the VOCAL, the latter by the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Vocal Music professes to represent the Expressions and the Metre of the Lyric Poetry: for the former purpose I have endeavoured to accommodate the Melody and Harmony to the general sense of the phrase, yet so as to express also particular emphatical words:—for the latter I have, ist in general measured every syllable by one note of nearly corresponding length—2dly. I have marked the accented syllable by the Downstrike, leaving the unaccented ones to the Upstrike—3dly. I have marked the end of every line with a short Rest, unless where the sense requires a longer one.

The Instrumental Music professes to represent that to which the Drama in different parts refers, viz. Symphonies, or that which may be expressed by Symphonies; the words therefore which precede or follow will often sufficiently point out the nature of each: but, as there is no such guide for the Overture and some others, and as several of the rest are very generally referred to, I shall subjoin a particular explanation of such as I think require it.

The Overture confists of two parts: the first (No. 1.) is intended to represent the Spirits of Snowdon lamenting the approaching fall of Mona: the second, (No. 1. a.) the Souls of the departed Druids, personified by the Harp, interceding to avert the impending danger: the first continuation of No. 1. a reluctant denial of their request: the continuation of No. 1. a second attempt of the Druids to avert the danger: the second continuation of No. 1. which concludes the Overture, a reluctant but final denial.

The Symphony, No. 2. is intended as an introduction of the Druids in a manner suitable to their character: the sirst four Bars are more particularly meant to regulate their steps; each interval between note and note in the Base Cliff to be one step. The remainder of the Symphony may either mark the progress of the procession, (in which case there will be two steps for every Bar,) or it may be played the Druids standing still.

The first part of No. 3, is meant to regulate the steps of the Druids "circling the holy ground;" two steps for each Bar. At the words "Druid, at thy dread command," &c. the Druids will accordingly pace the holy ground, each Bar marking one step. At the words,

"We lift our boughs," &c. the boughs should accordingly begin to be raised, and continue rising till the word "dew;" then be dashed over the ground till the word "ground;" then through the air till the word "air." The repetition and conclusion of No. 3. may either be played the Druids standing still, or again regulate their steps.

The nature of No. 4. is sufficiently pointed out by Modred's speech which precedes it.

No. 5. is meant to represent Snowdon answering, first faintly and at a distance, then louder and louder to No. 4.

No. 6. is meant to represent the beginning, progress, and completion of a Storm.

No. 7. is meant as a fweet and pathetic invocation of Snowdon.

No. 8. is Snowdon's answer.

No. 9. 10. 11. 11. a. 11. b. are sufficiently pointed out by the words which follow each respectively.

No. 12. 13. are meant to represent the Spirits of Snowdon dancing aerial dances.—The same of No. 14. 15. 16.

No. 17. is meant as a general, and 17. a. as a more particular, introduction to the words which follow.

No. 17. b. 17. c. 18. 19. 20. 20 a. are sufficiently explained by the words which follow them respectively.

No. 21. is explained by the words which precede it.

No. 22. 22. a. 22. b. 22. c. 22. d. are explained by the words which follow each respectively.

The same of No. 23. 24. 25.

No. 26. to where the Basson enters, is intended as a solemn and pleasing Symphony, to excite ideas suitable to the occasion described in the preceding words. From the bar where the Basson enters, to the end of No. 26. I have endeavoured to represent, by the notes allotted to that instrument, the act of dying of a man, such as alluded to in the words; the upper part, which may be considered as a continuation of the Symphony, being intended to soothe him in his last moments. Having now, at the end of 26 breathed his last, his Spirit is endeavoured to be represented, in the first 26. a. as "stealing from the earth," and beginning to approach a Chorus of blessed Spirits, represented as at a distance by the first 26. b.—the Spirit continuing to raise itself from the Earth in the second 26. a. the Chorus is heard a little nearer in the second 26. b.—the Spirit continuing to raise itself in the third 26. a. at length approaches the Chorus, which now breaks out in full Symphony in the third 26. b.—the sourch 26. a. is intended as a still nearer approach to, and final junction with, the Chorus in the fourth 26. b. which is then supposed gradually to recede from the audience, until lost "in the bright fount of day."

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No. 27. is meant as a fuitable Introduction to the subsequent Invocation of the Druids: It may also serve, either in part or in the whole, to regulate their steps; one step for each Bar.

No. 28. is referred to by the subsequent words.

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No. 29. 30. 31. are referred to by the words which follow each respectively.

No. 32. is meant as a suitable Introduction to the words which follow.

No. 33. 34. 35. 36. are fufficiently described by the words which follow each respectively.

If this should ever be performed, the following additional Instructions will be of service.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VOCAL MUSIC.

The Voices for which the above Music is composed are Base and Tenor; either single, in Unison, or in parts: it is single only in the Arch-Druid's musical part, in the answers of CADWALL and BRENNUS, and in the words, " MONA on SNOWDON calls," to be pronounced by one of the Chorus: The rest is sometimes in Unison, sometimes in two, three, or four parts; all equally intended for the whole Chorus.-To ascertain, with certainty, the exact proportion of each kind of Voice is, at present, impossible; but I think that six Bases and six Tenors, or, if it be thought worth while, twelve Bases and twelve Tenors, divided as follows, will sufficiently produce the effect intended; that is to fay, when in three parts, but the middle part composed of Bases and Tenors in Unison; such middle part to consist of one third of each, each remaining two thirds being appropriated to each extremity: when in three parts, without Unifon in the middle; such middle to consist of one half of either the Bases or Tenors, according to the Cliff; except only in two places, which I have marked thus (*) where the middle part, confisting of Bases and Tenors in Unison, divides: when in four parts, each part to consist of one half of the whole number of Voices belonging to it's Cliff; except only in feven places, which I have marked with Crosses, where the Music having been for some time in three parts, (the middle confisting of Bases and Tenors in Unison,) opens into four, by such middle part dividing: the strongest Tenors to have the outside part, except in two places, marked thus (†) where they are to have the middle part in Unison with Bases.

I have endeavoured, as much as possible, to reconcile the Metre with some of the different kinds of Time now in use; and in this I have been so far successful, that, with sour only apparent exceptions, viz. three where, for the greater accuracy, I have changed the Time from 1 to 2 in the middle of two verses; and one where, for the same reason, I have changed it from 1 to 2 all which are in effect no more than if I had said in the three sirst, "un poco Presto;" in the last, "Largo"—with these four exceptions every verse is, without violence to the Language, adapted to some kind either of Common or Triple Time; but as according to my plan, the end of every verse demands a Rest; and each stop must likewise have a Rest or Rests of corresponding length; when these were sollowed by an unaccented syllable, it sometimes became utterly impossible for me to include them in a Bar of the preceding Time: whenever this happens, the proper Bar must be measured off, and the un-

accented Syllable, which causes the irregularity, go for an additional Upstrike. At all events however, in a vocal performance of such length, in which the Time changes so often, it will be necessary to appoint somebody to keep it throughout; as well with respect to it's Quickness and Slowness, as to it's general nature: with respect to the former, I have to add, that the quickest Time must be sufficiently slow for the singers to pronounce the words distinctly. If it should be found too difficult for them to get their respective musical parts accurately by heart, a Forte Piano must be placed somewhere near the Chorus to prompt them.—In consequence of the Lyric parts being given throughout to the Chorus, the Arch-Druid's speech, beginning the fourth Scene of the second Act, must be either wholly lest out, or altered thus:

My holy Brethren stay: ye have the key
That best can ope the portal of the soul:
Unlock it straight, and lead the pensive Pilgrim
Through the vast regions of Futurity.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The Band should be large.

There must be three Trombones for the Symphonies of the last Act.

In those Symphonies in which the upper part lies on, while the middle or lower part moves, care must be taken that such middle or lower part be distinctly heard.

The Shakes are to be performed by one Instrument only; the others, when any, in Unison with it, to lie on.

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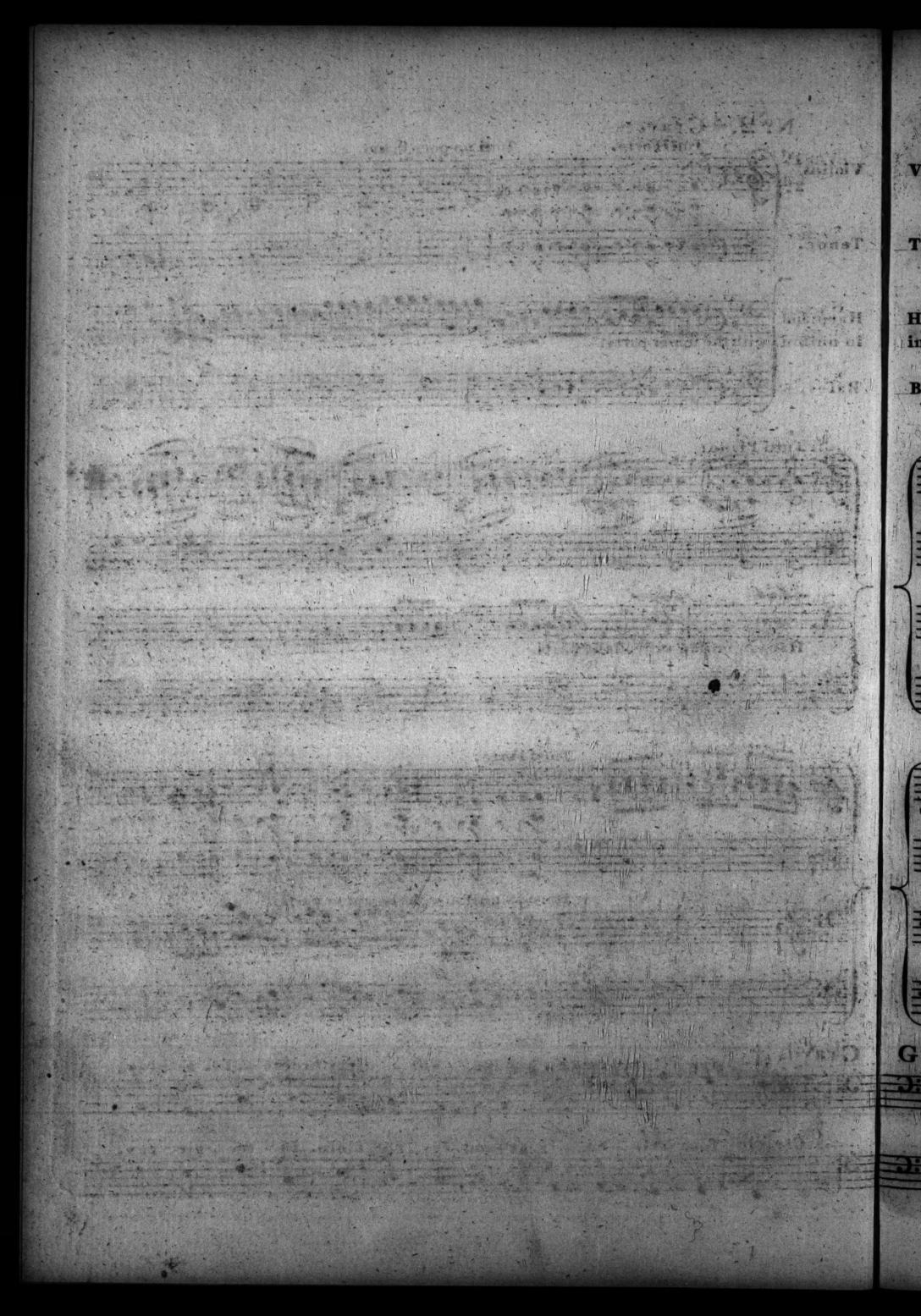
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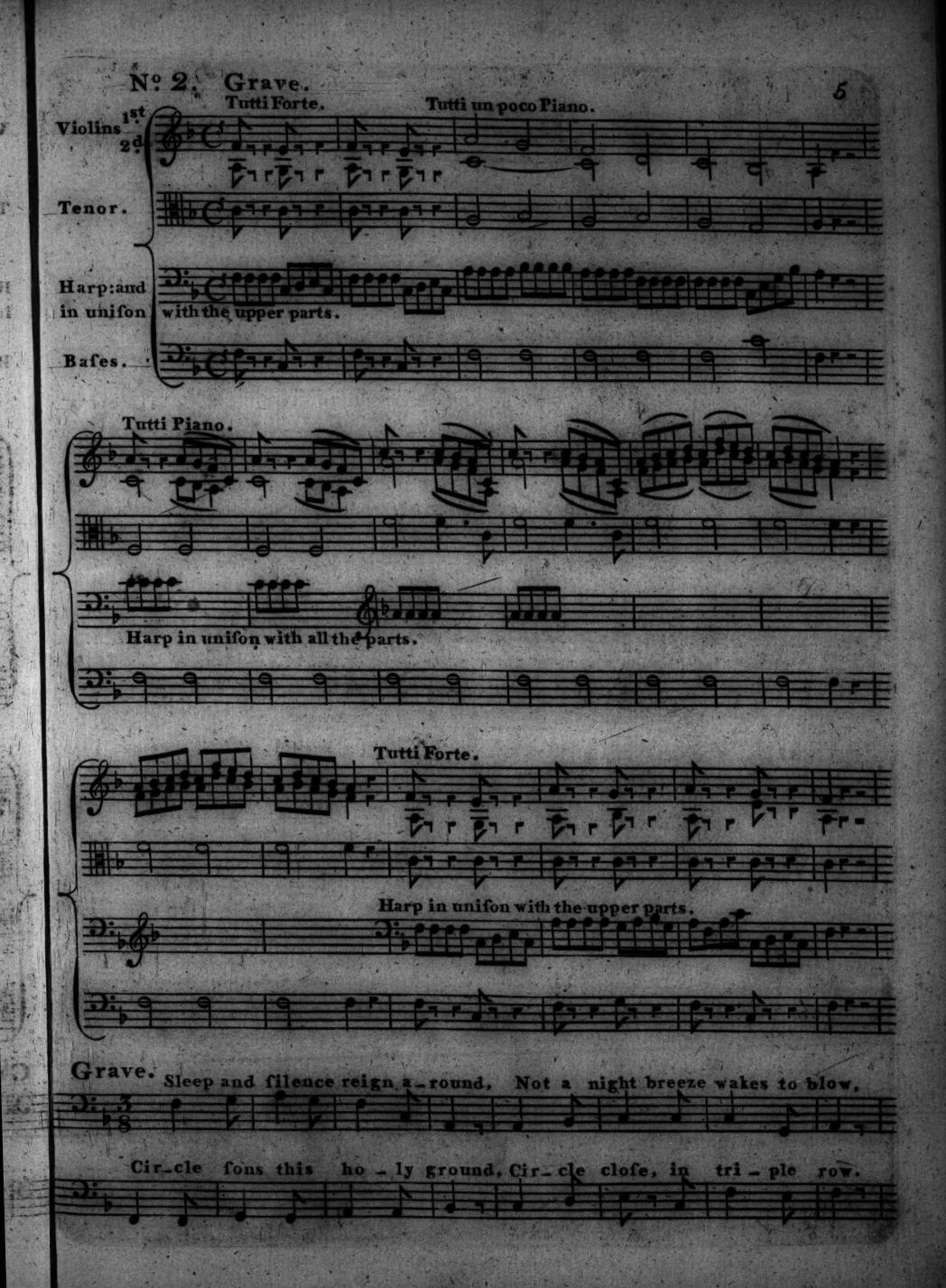
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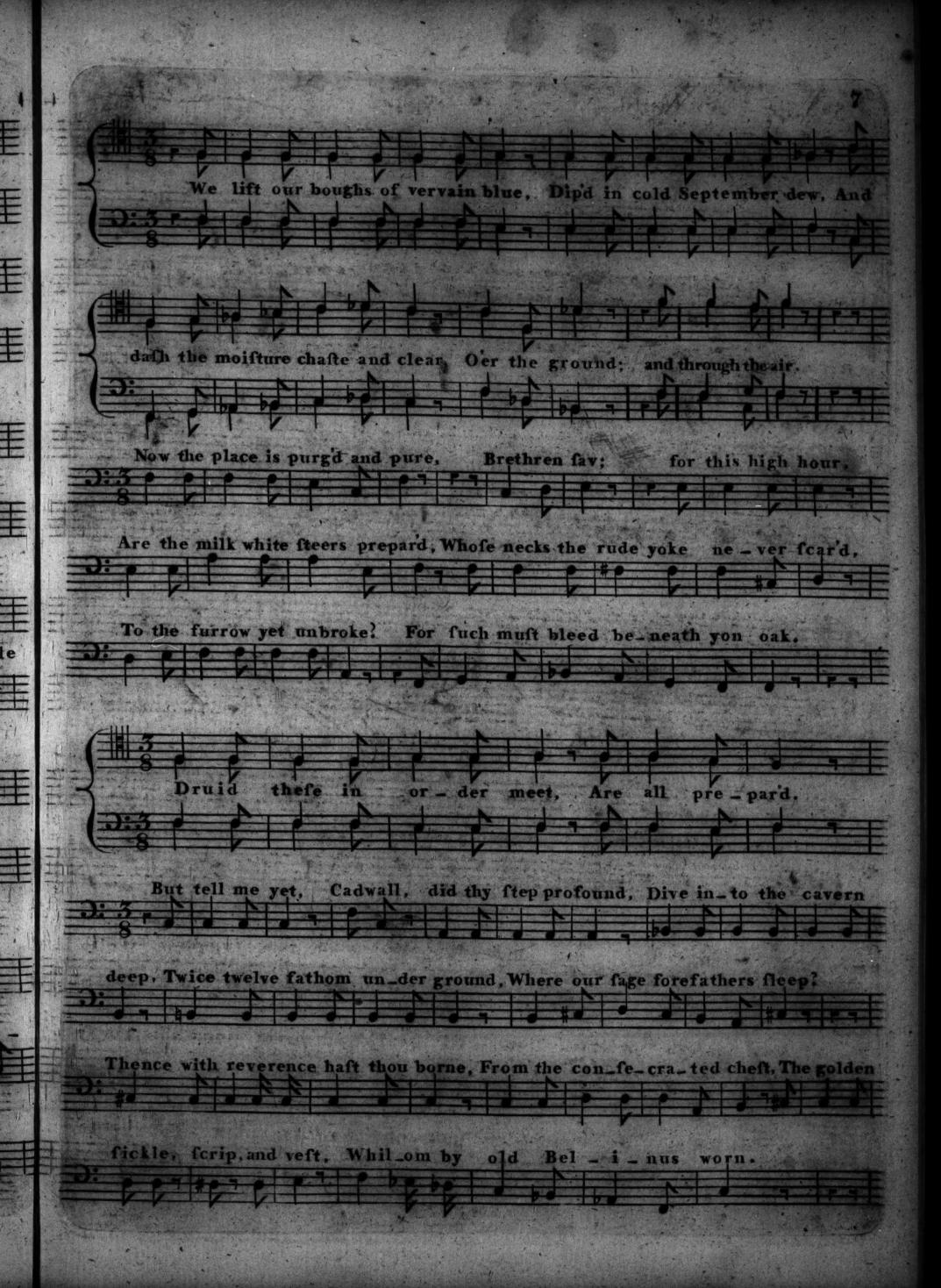




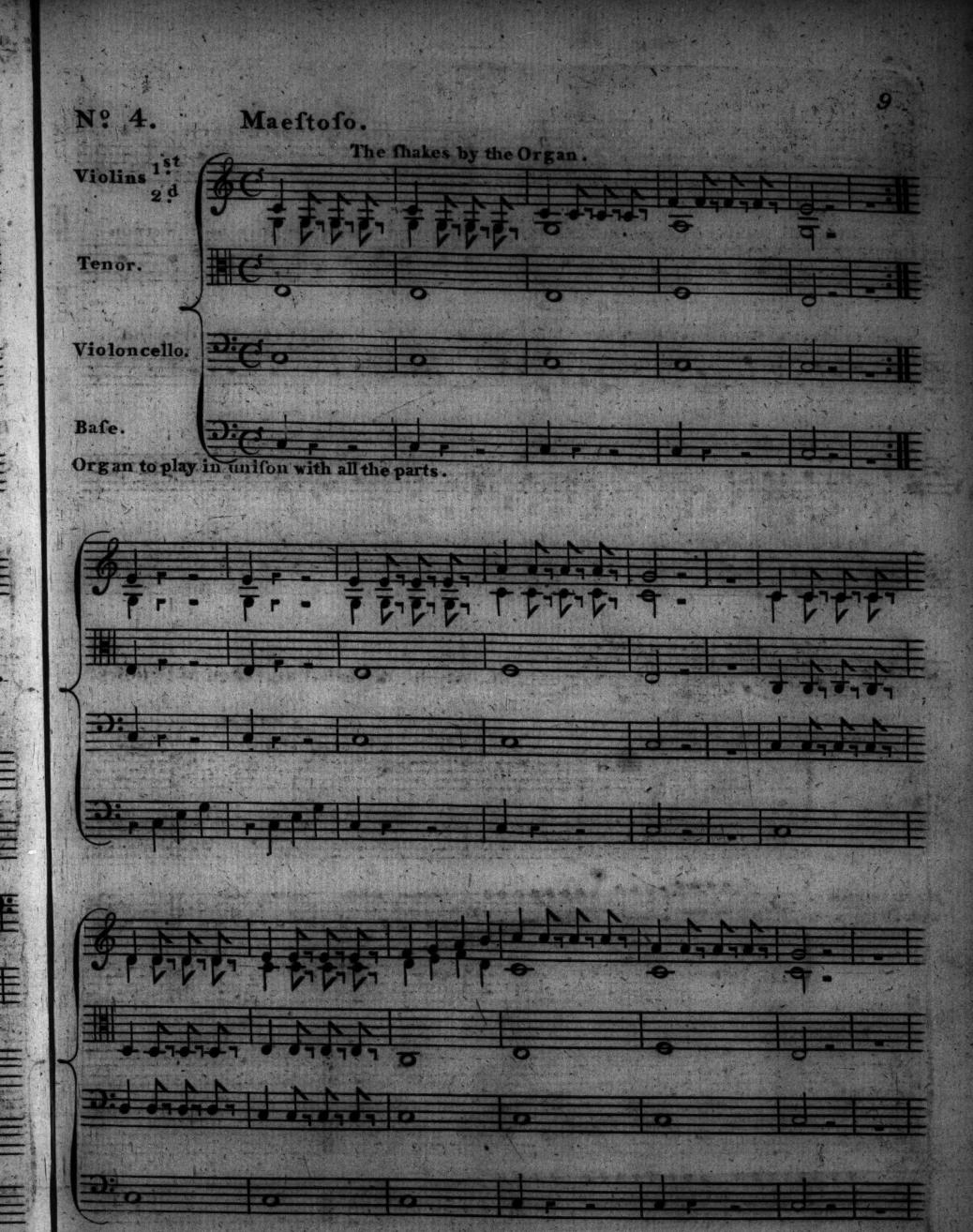




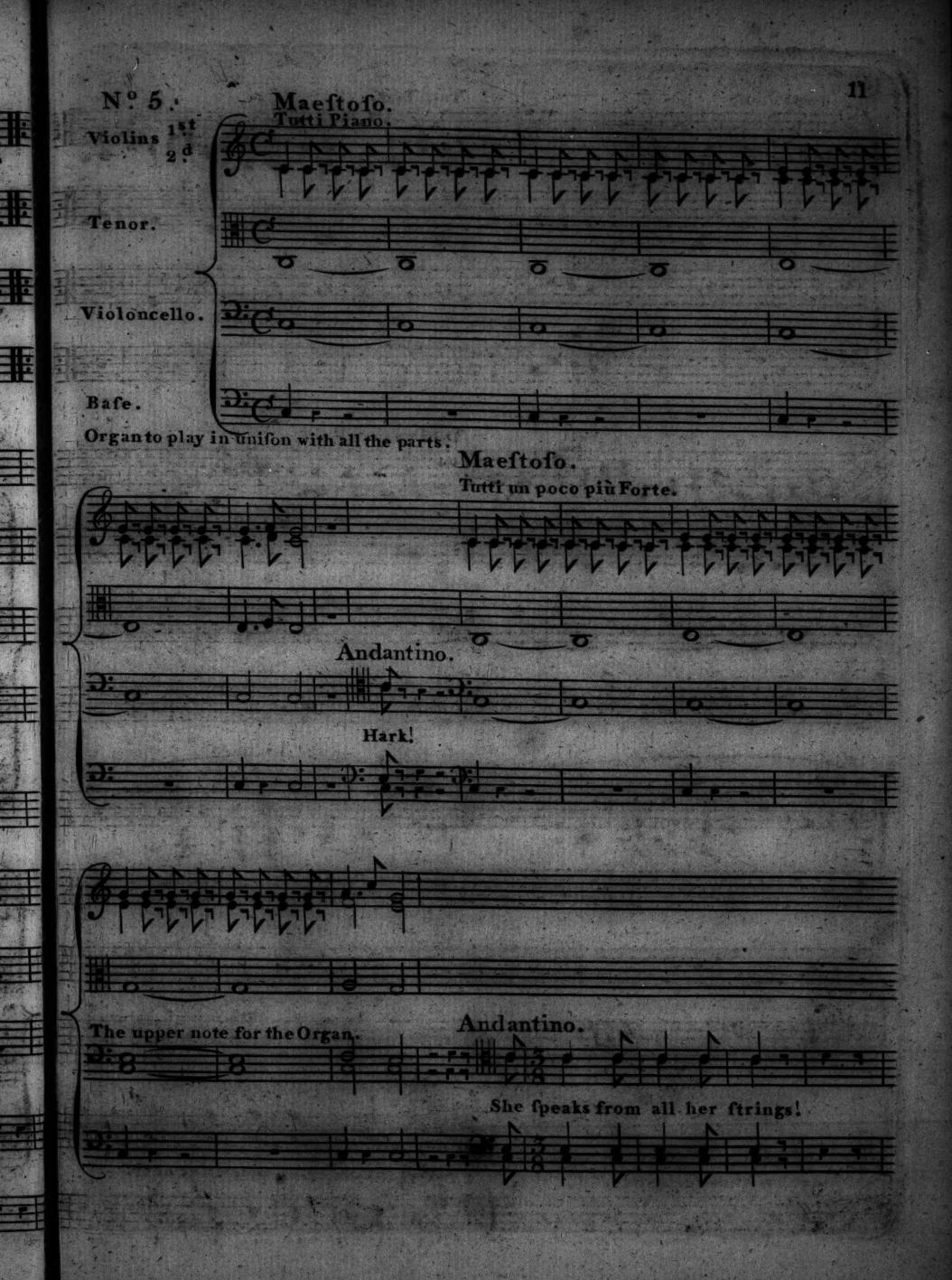




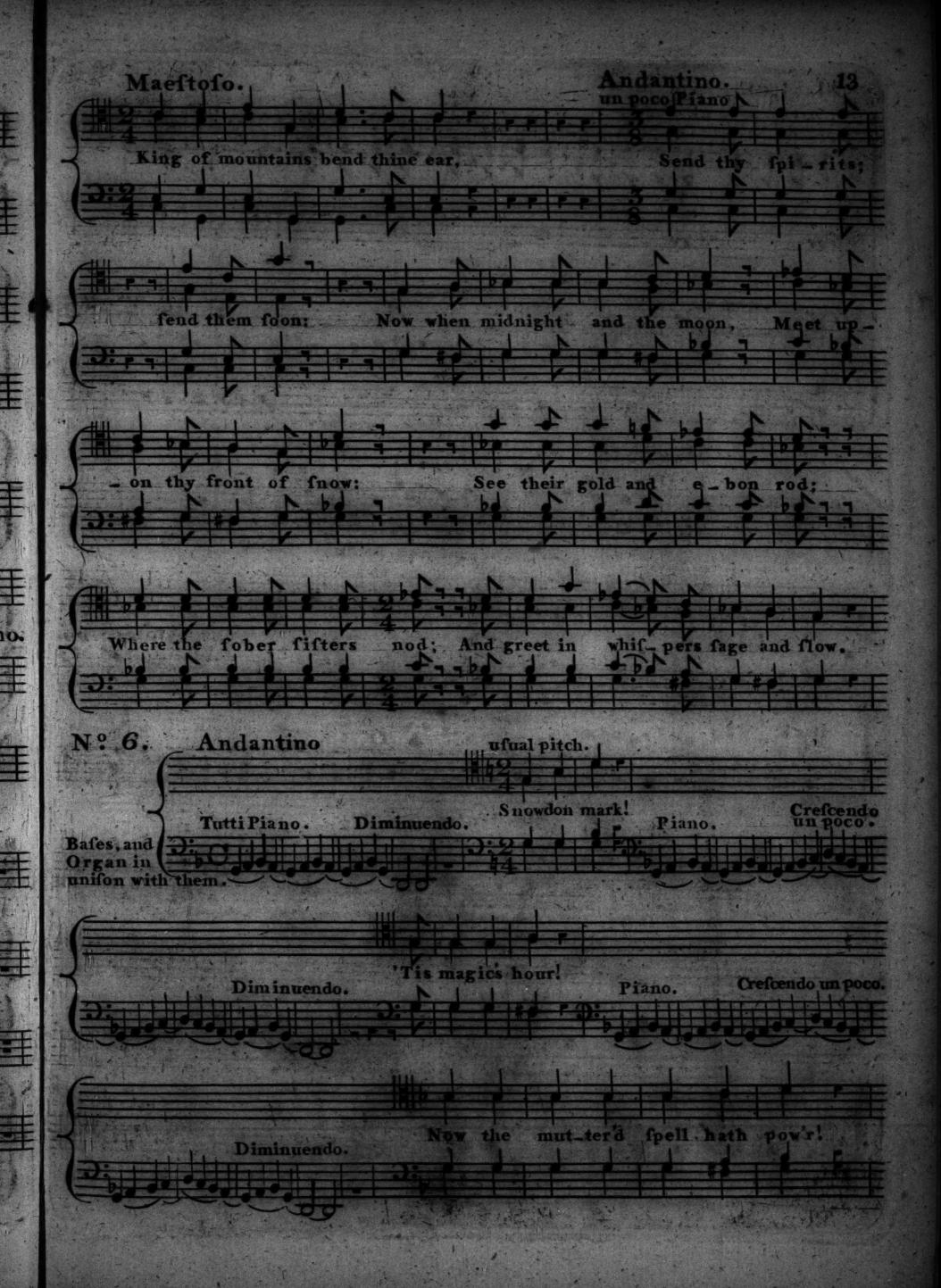


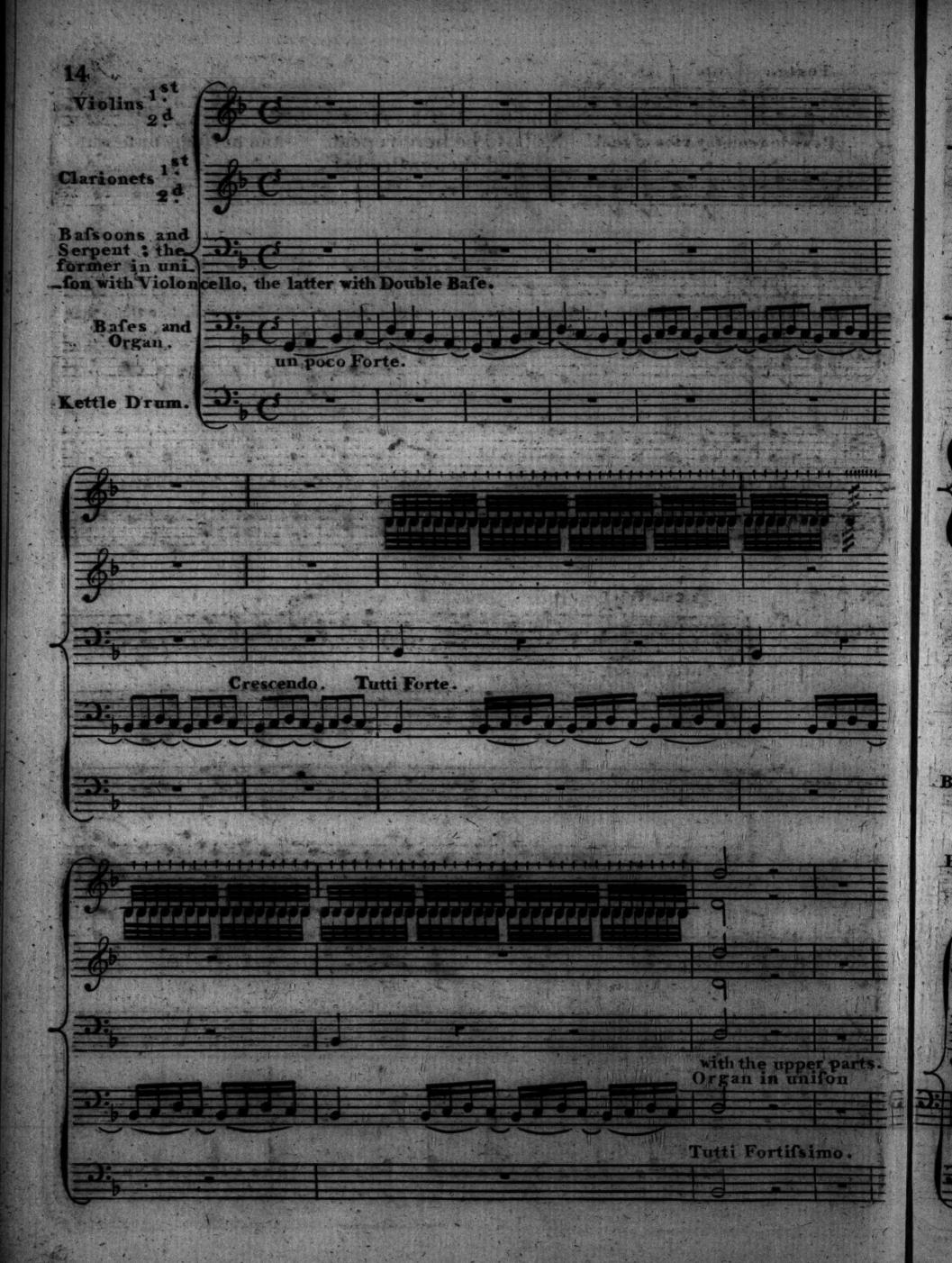






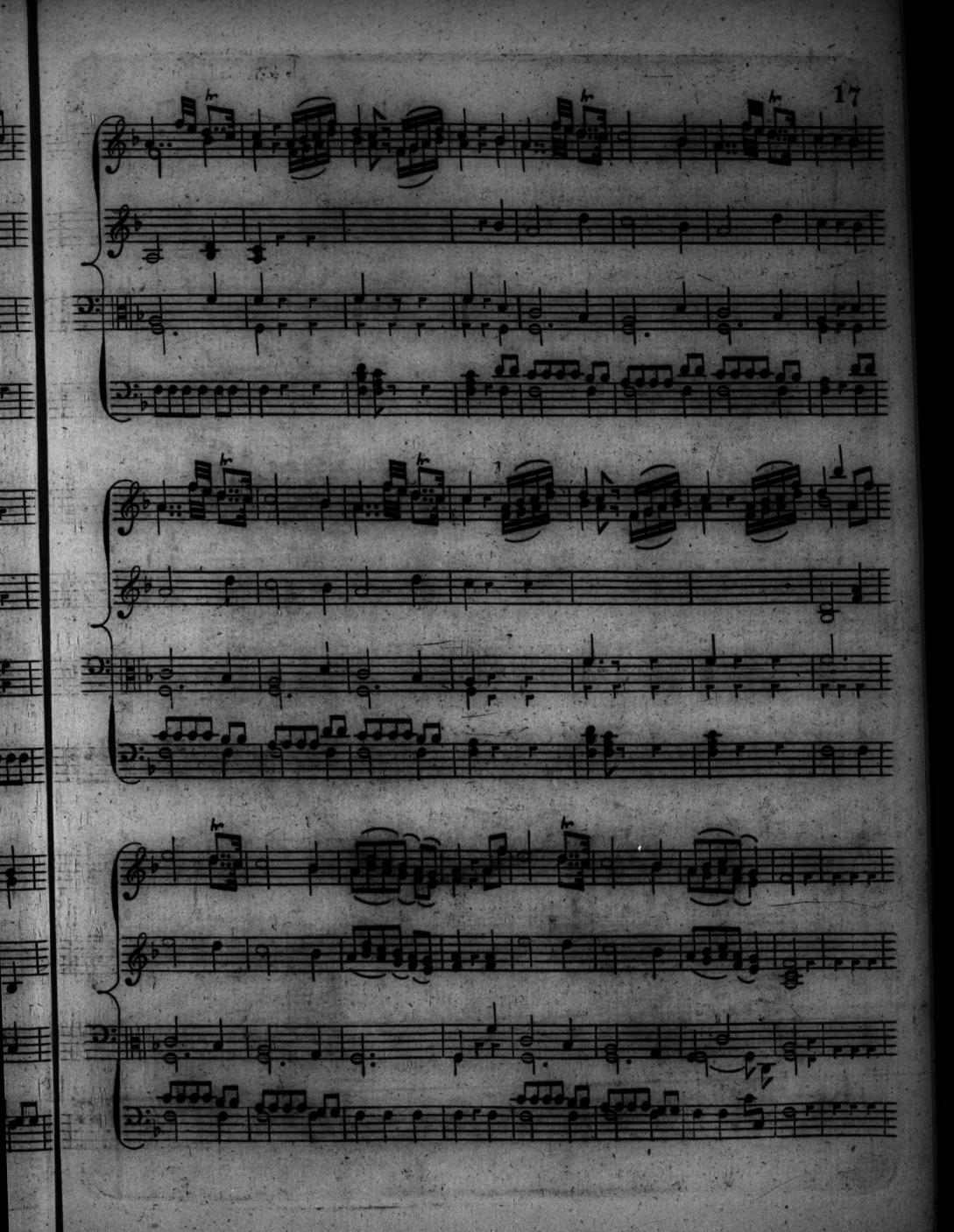




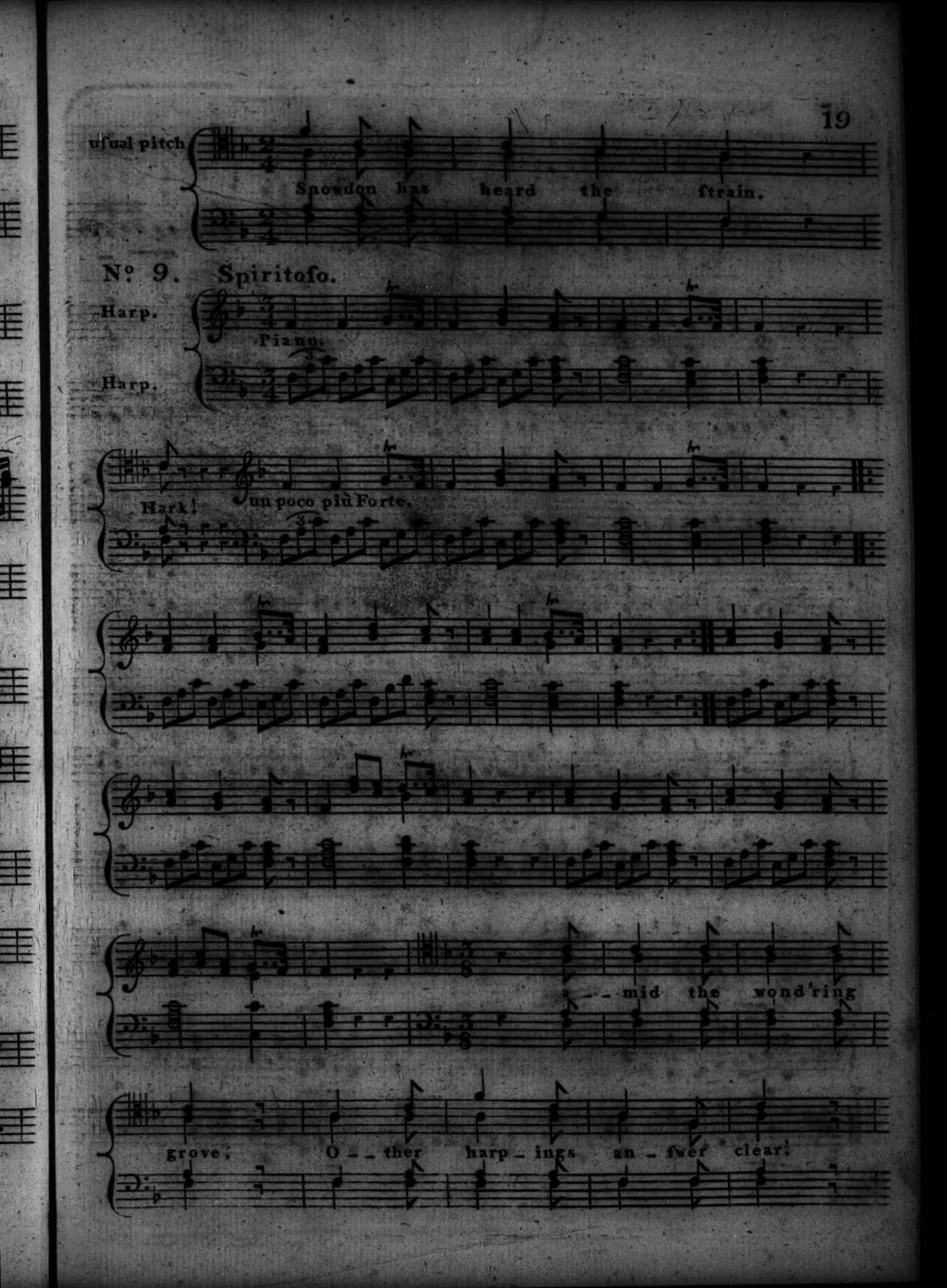






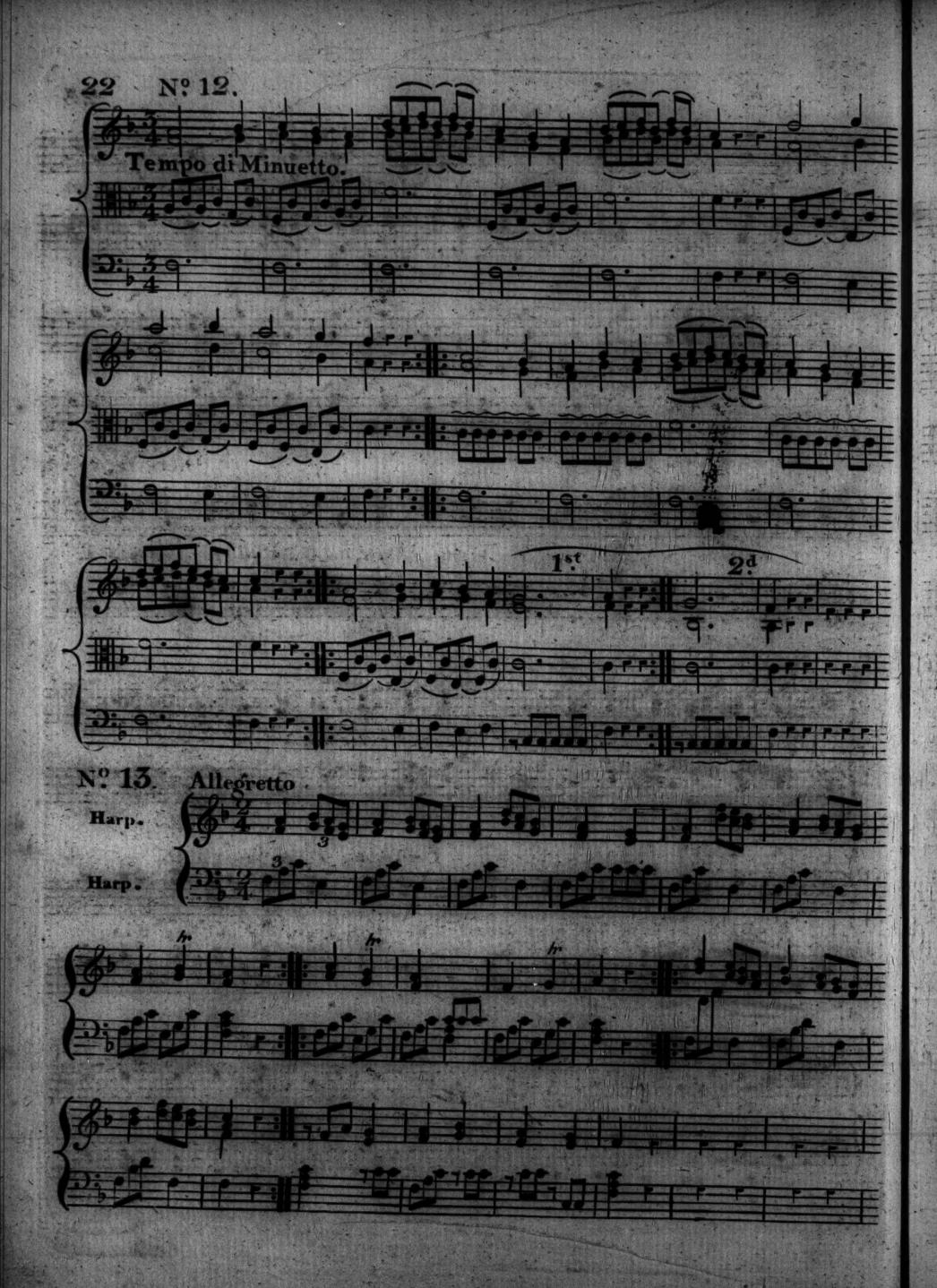
























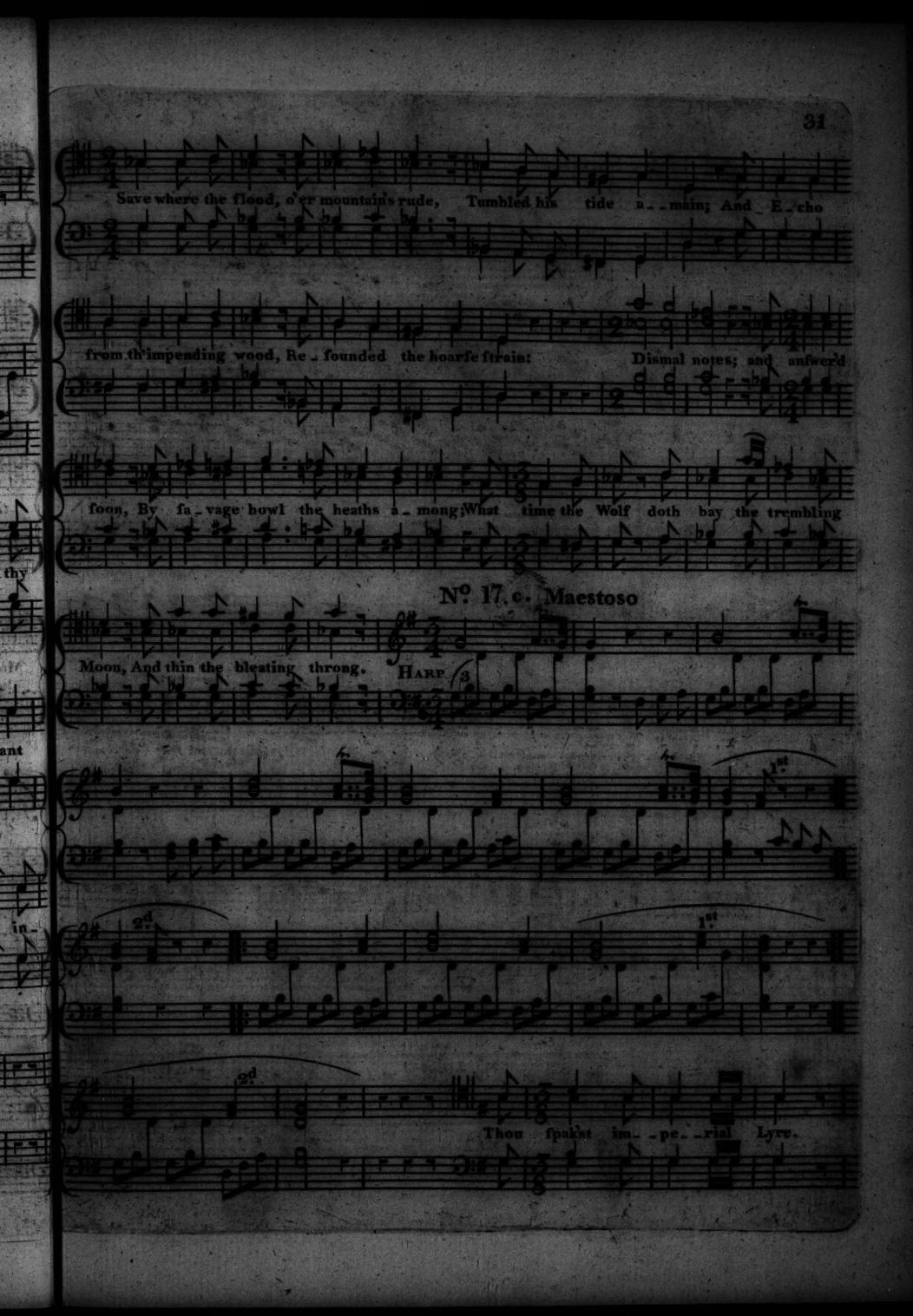






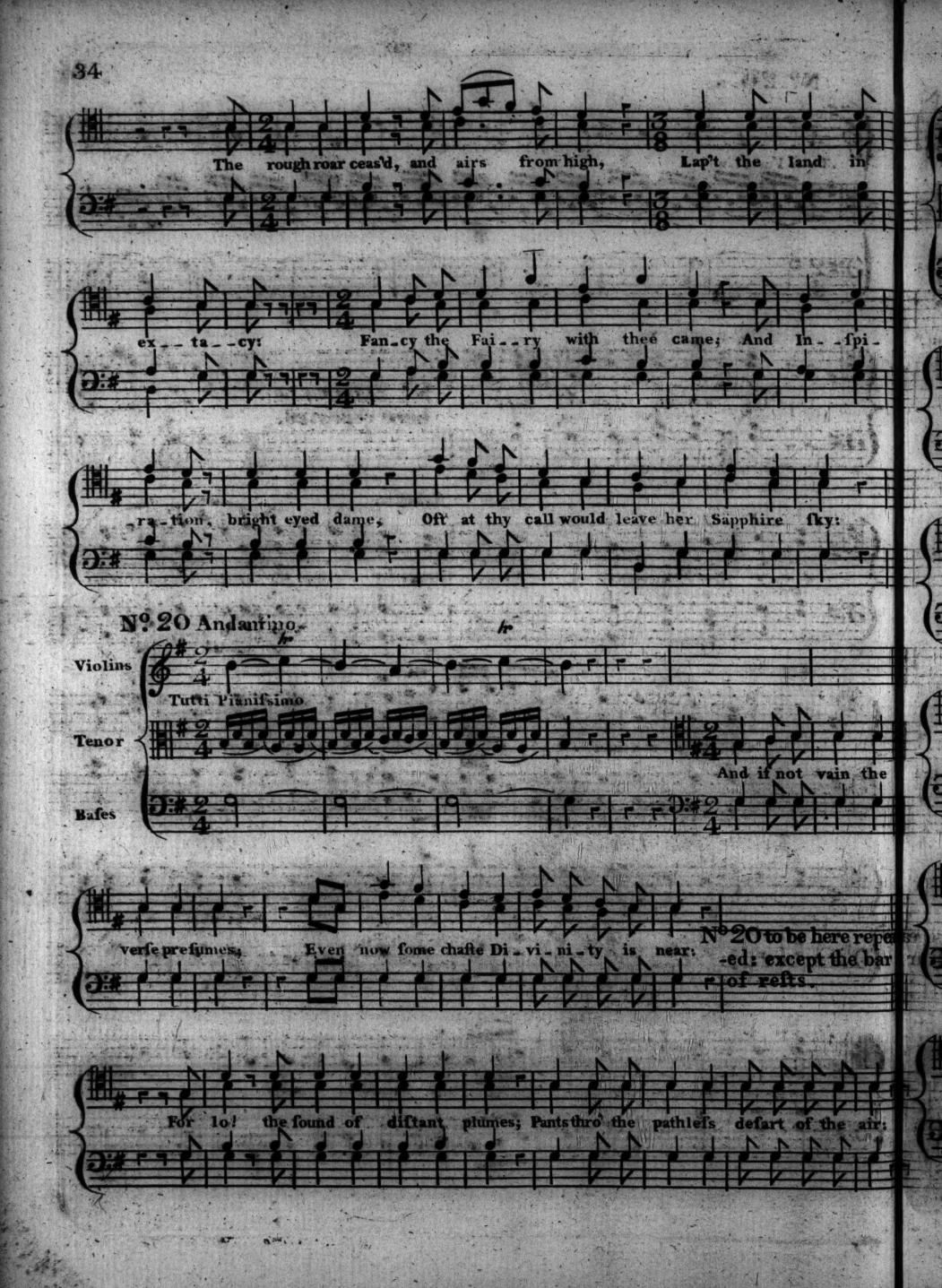


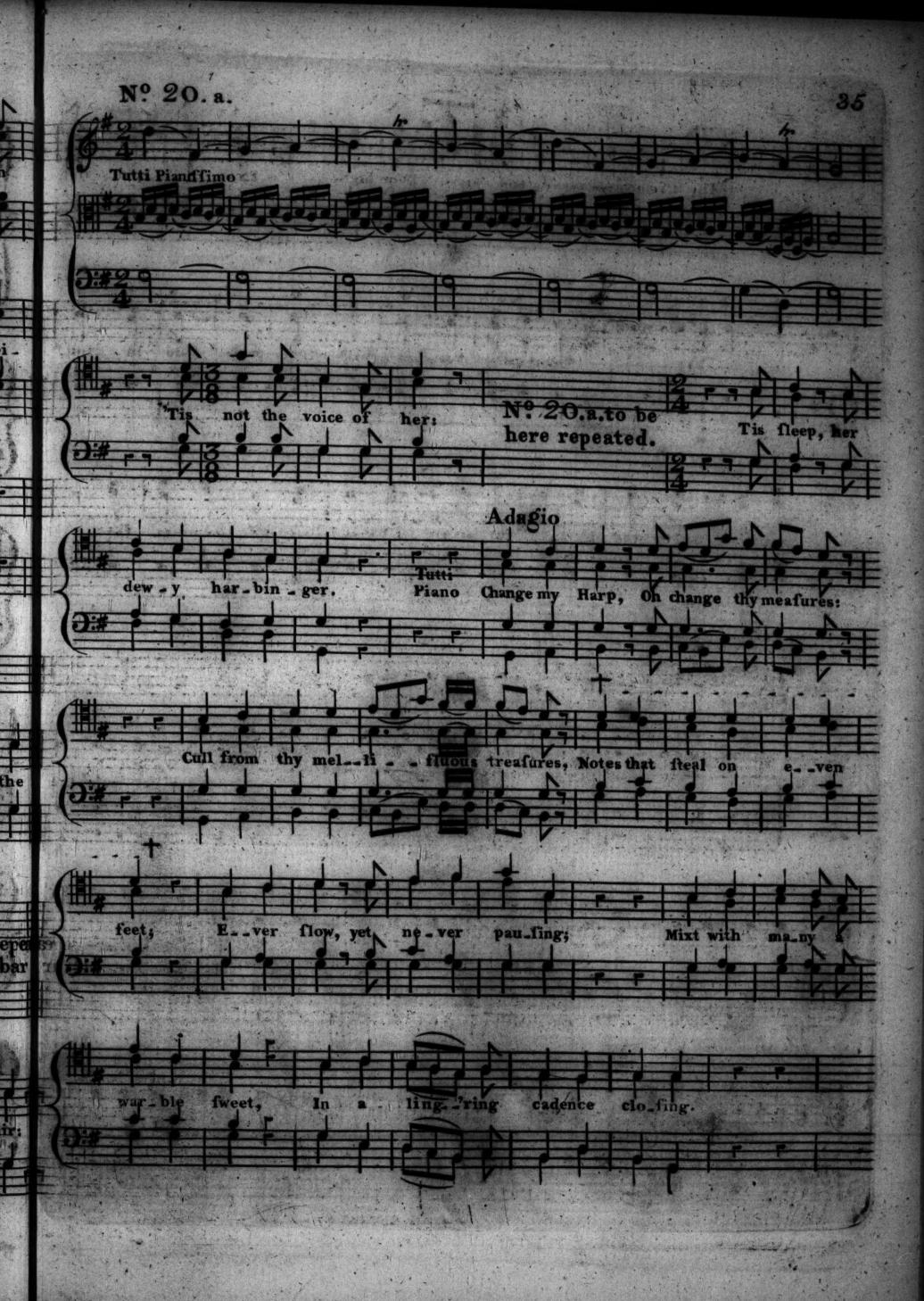




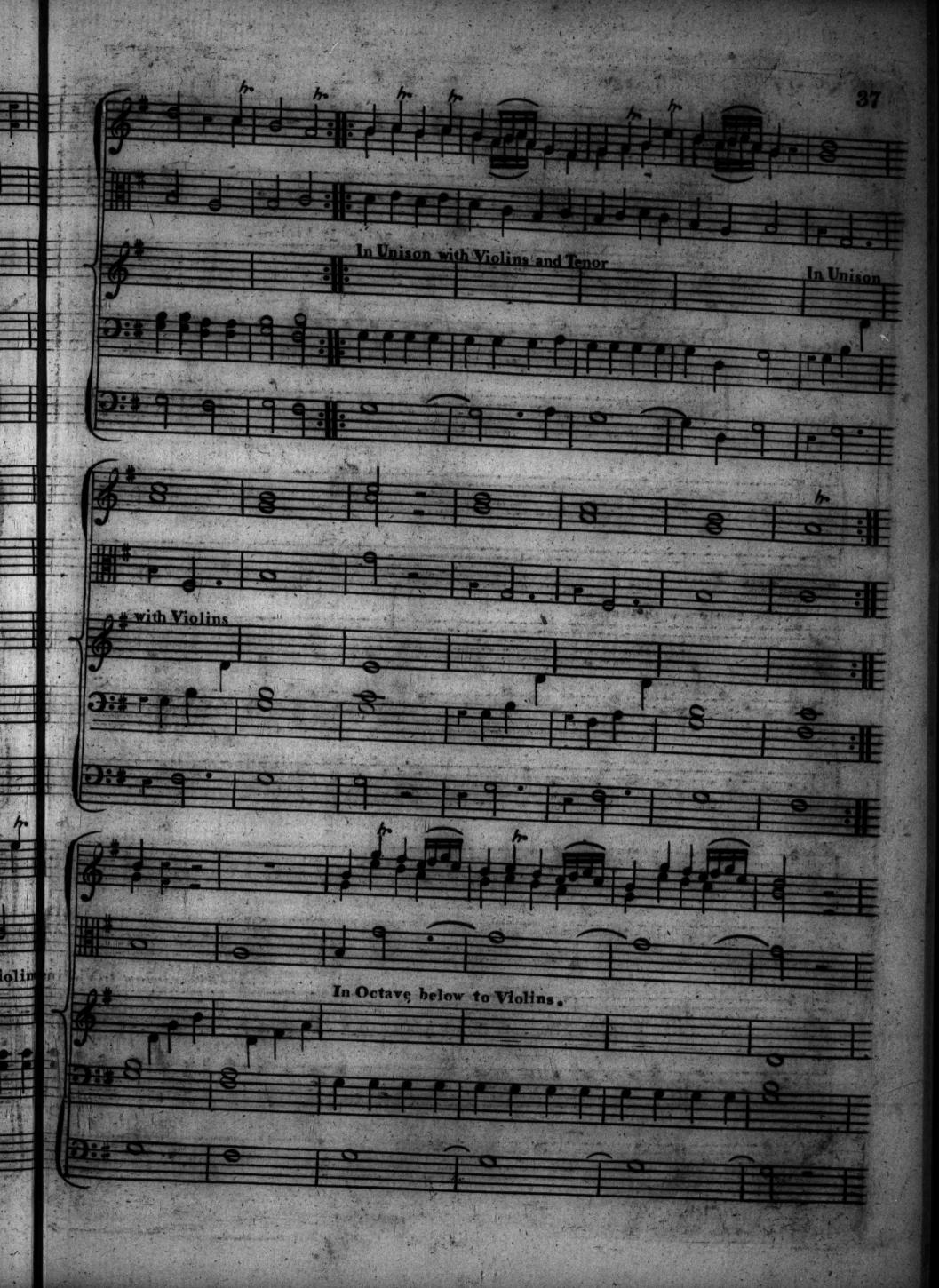




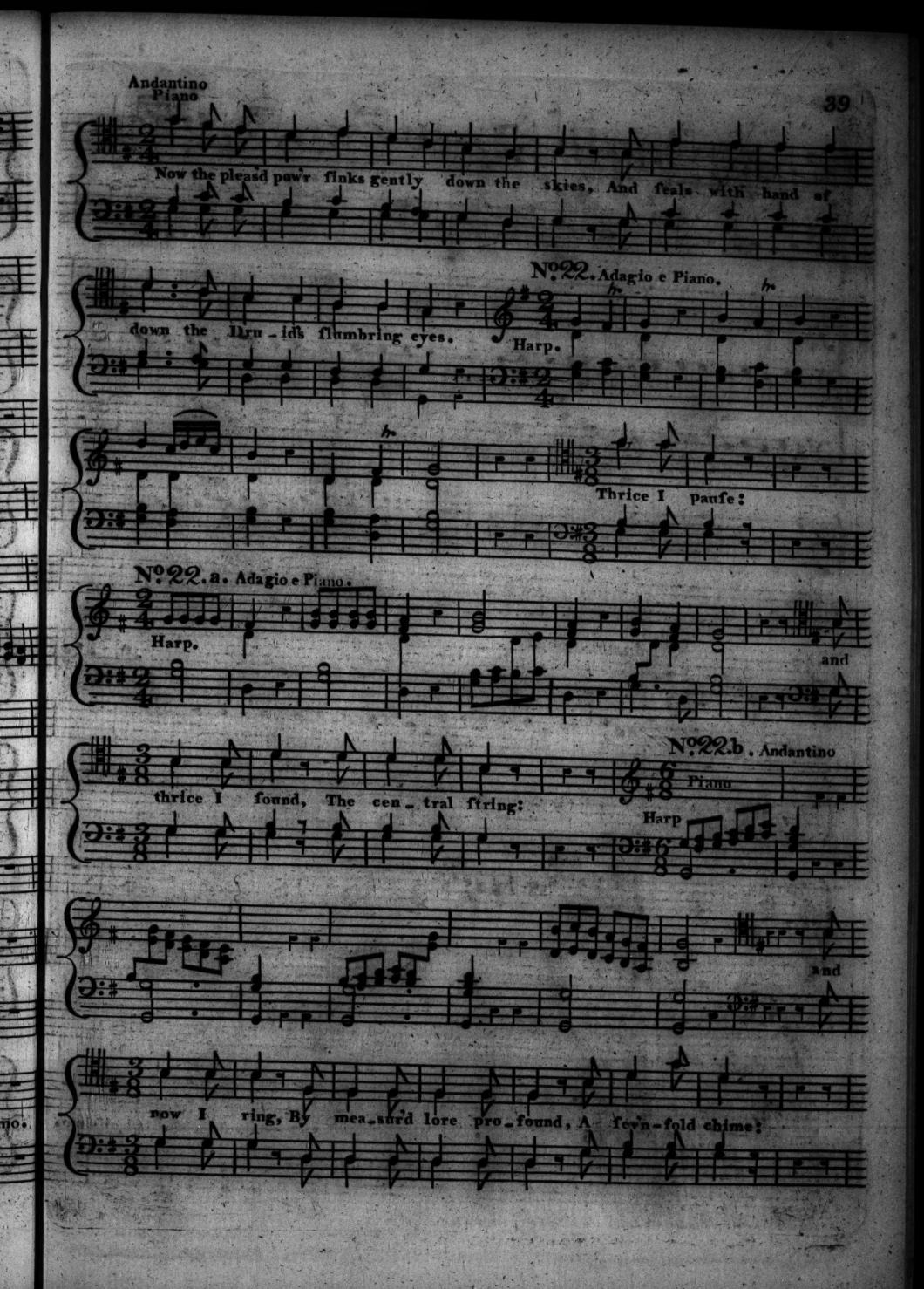


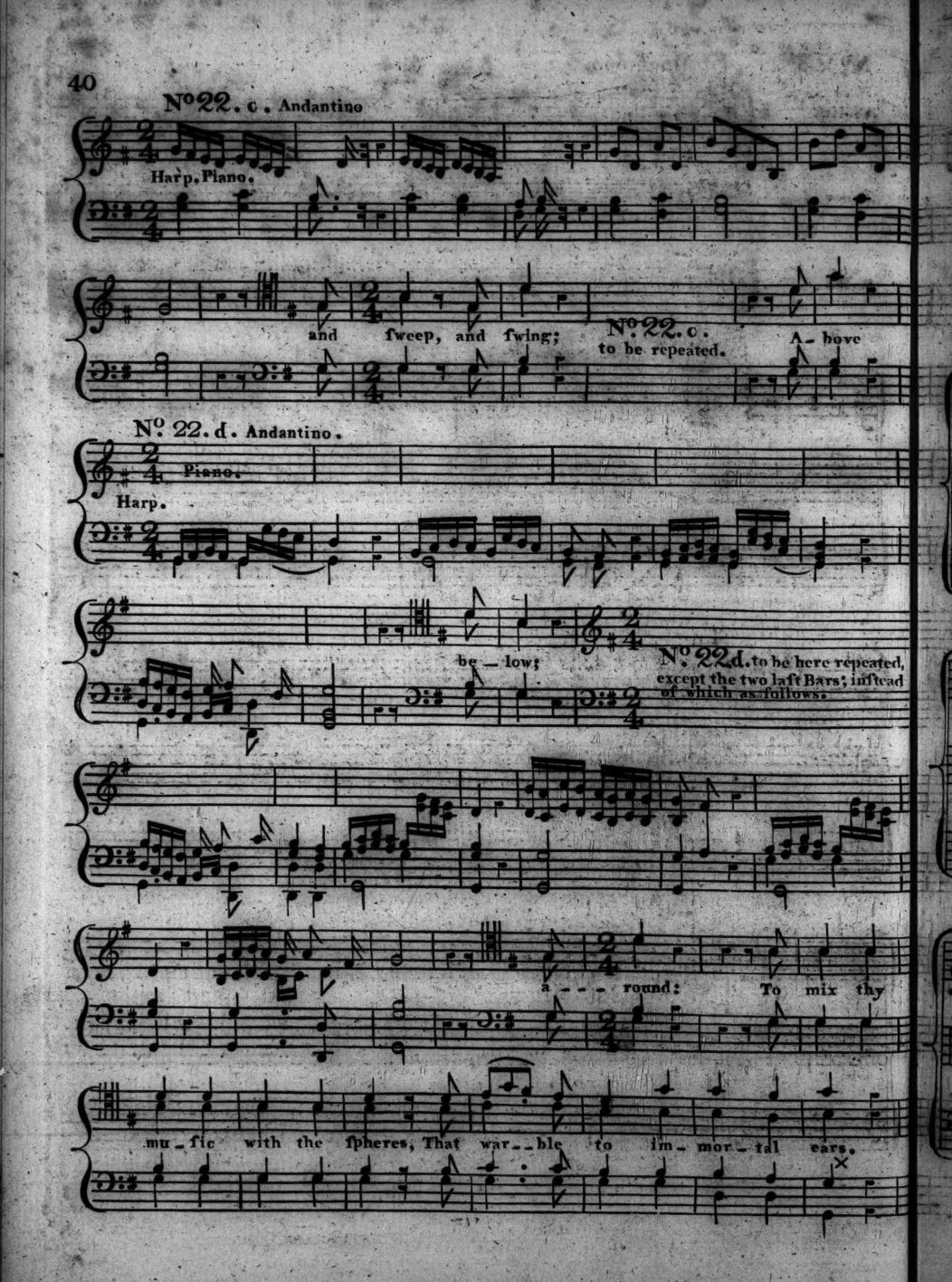


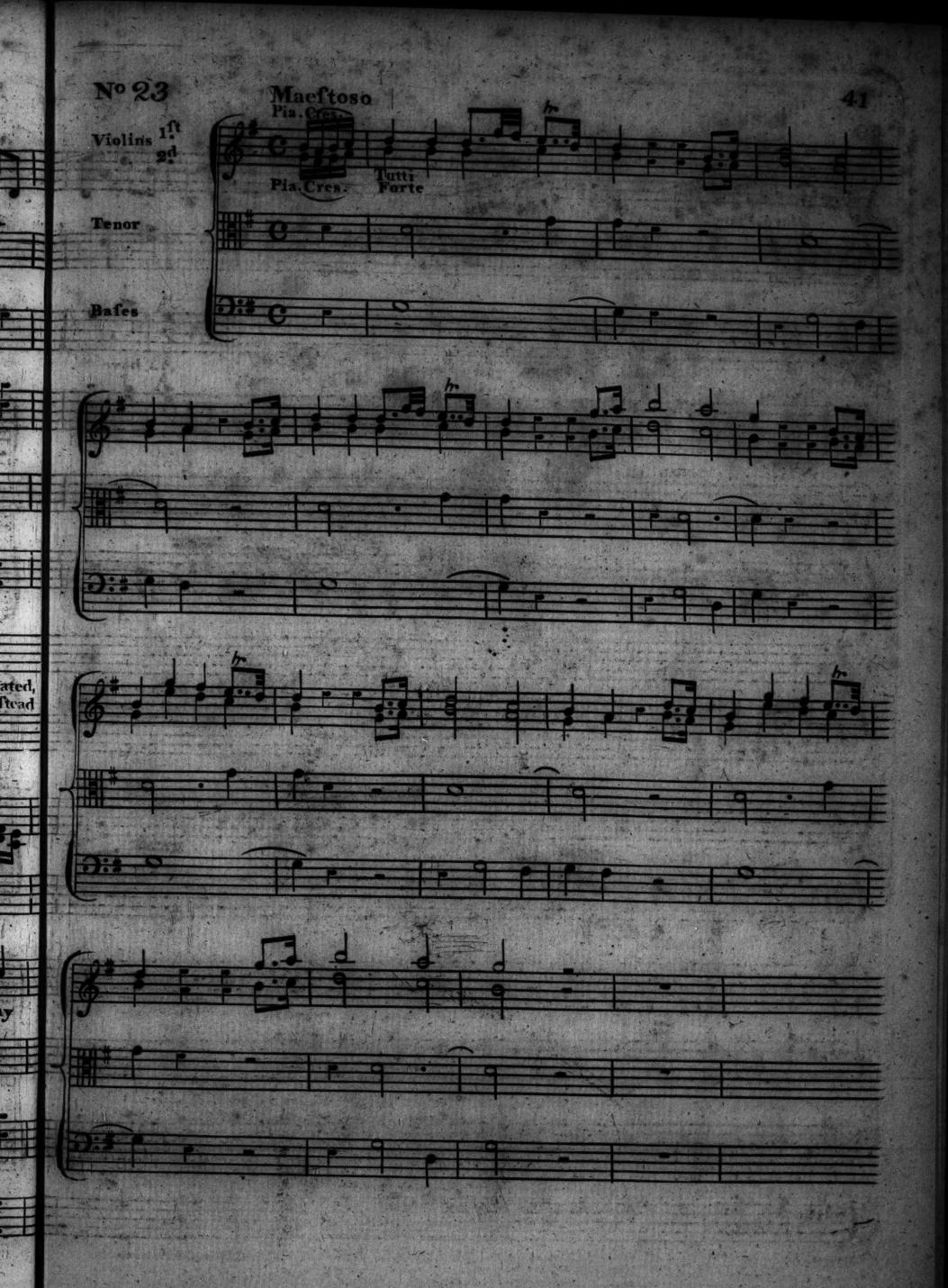
















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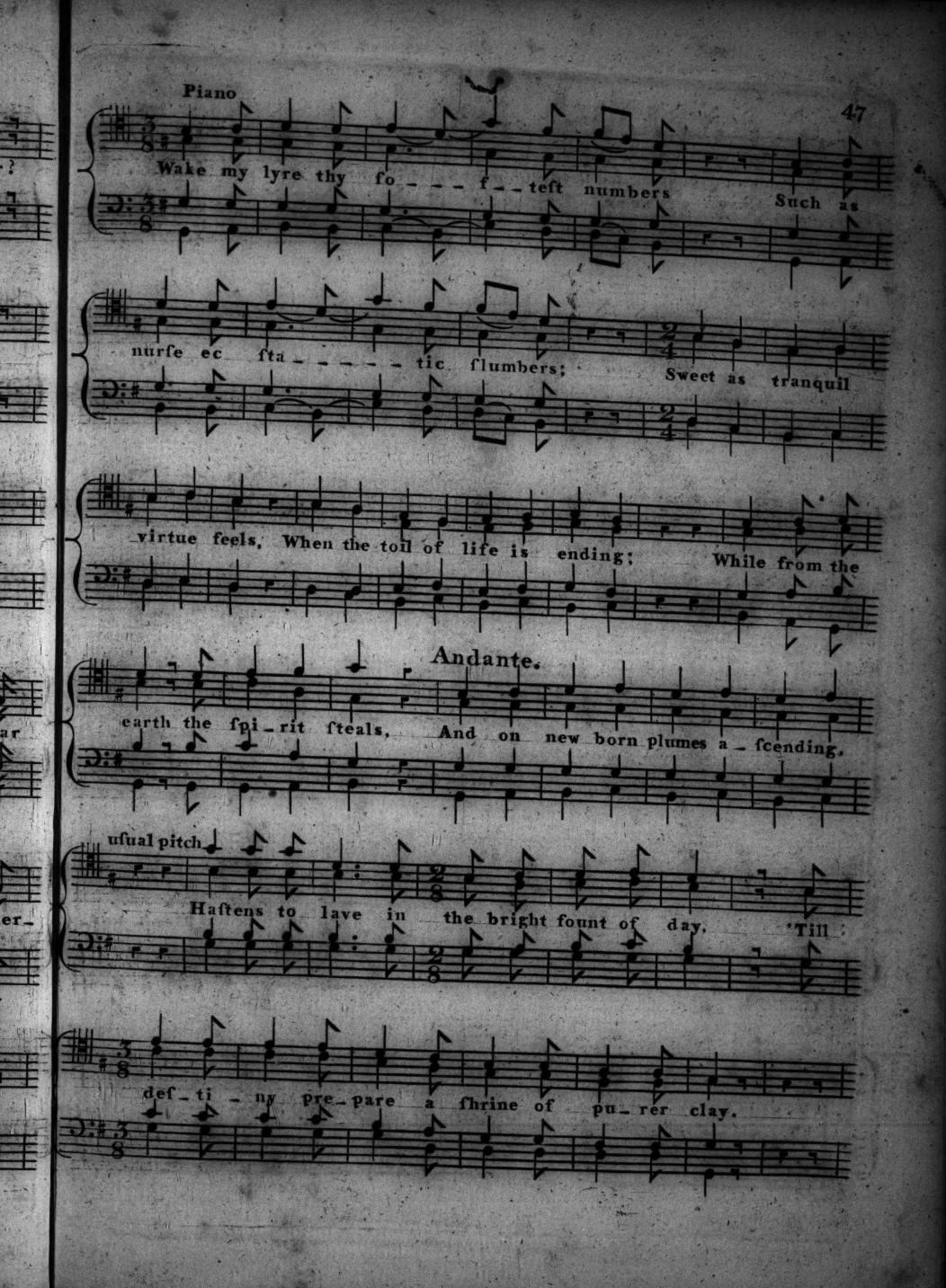




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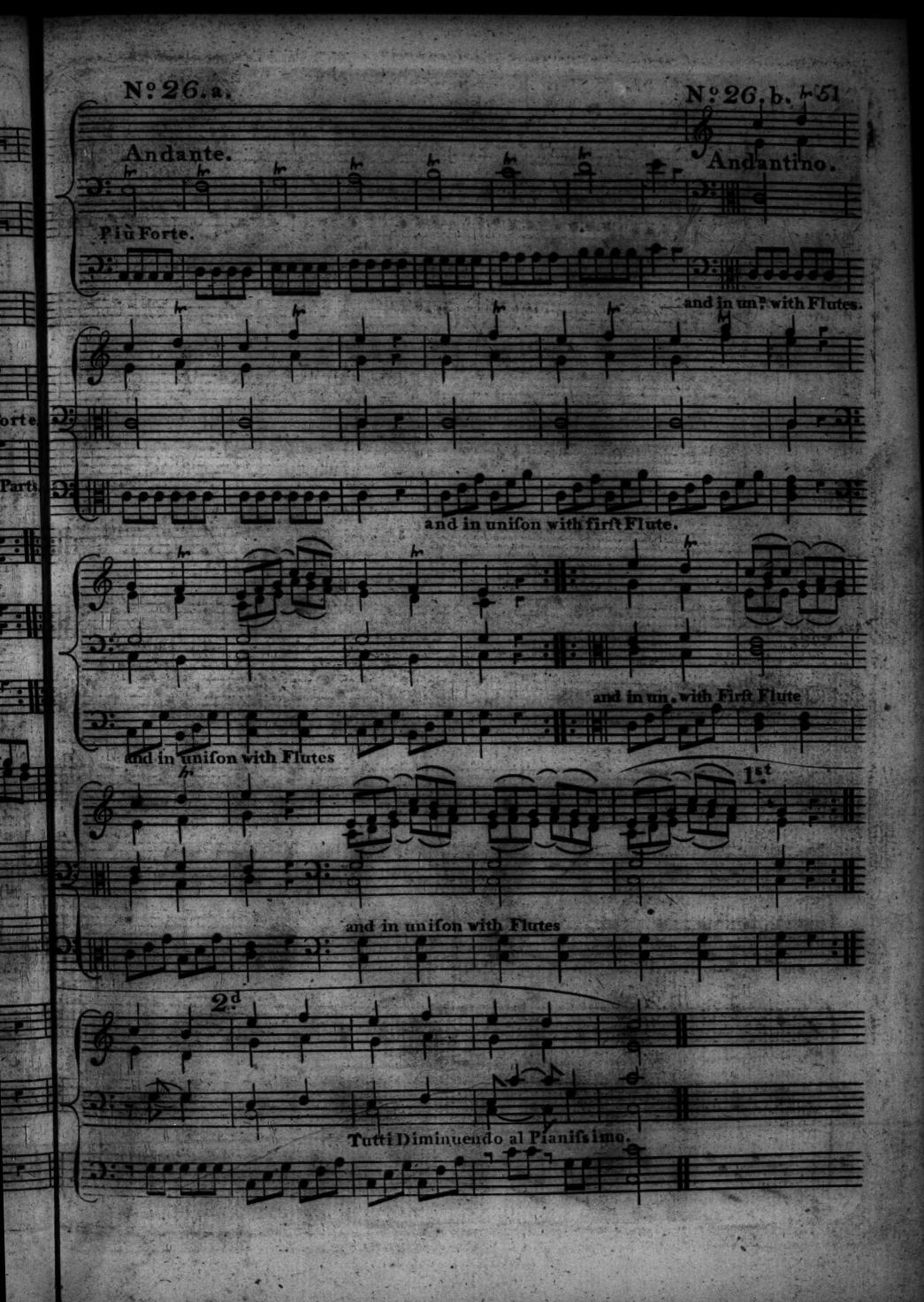
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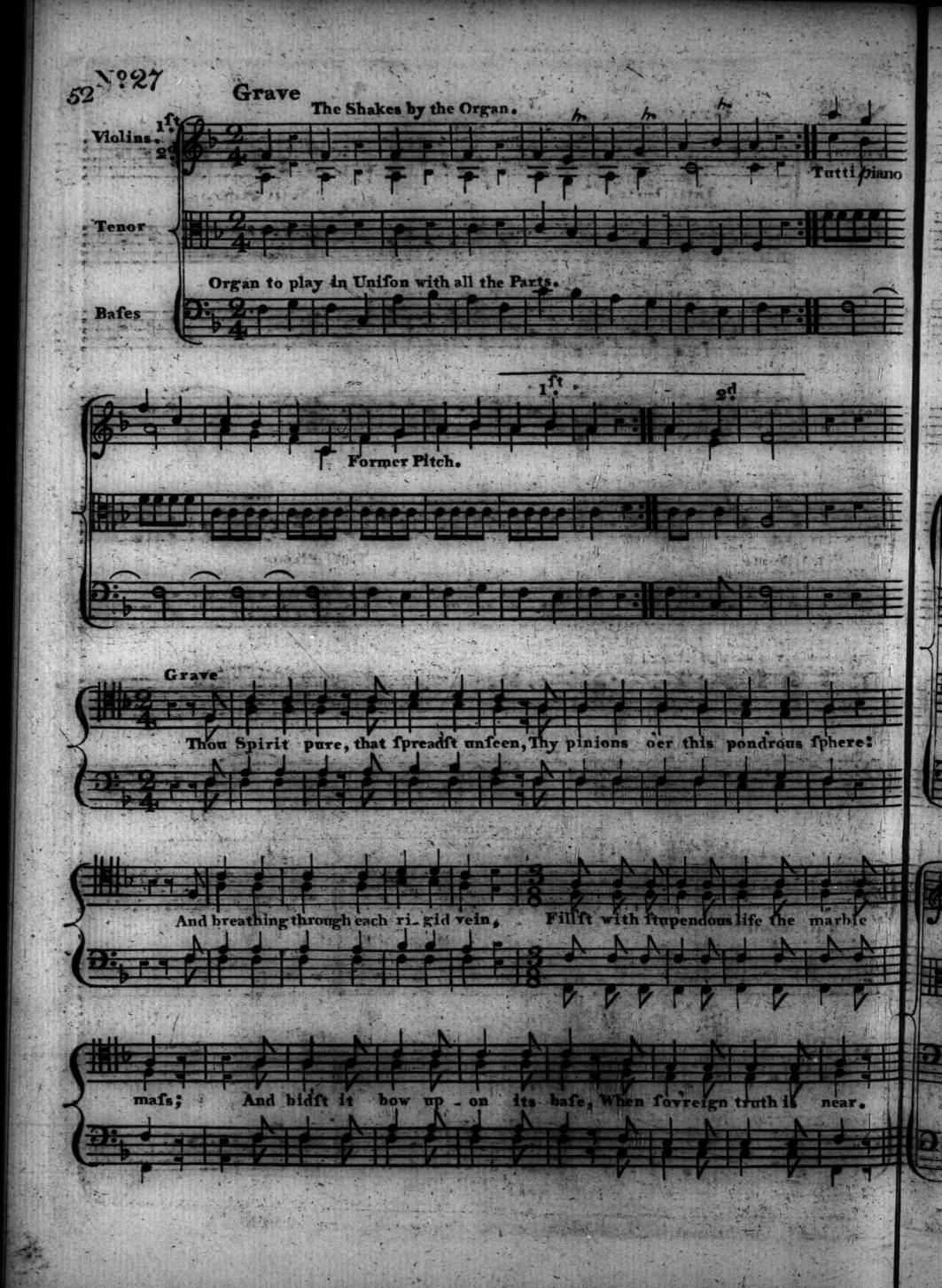


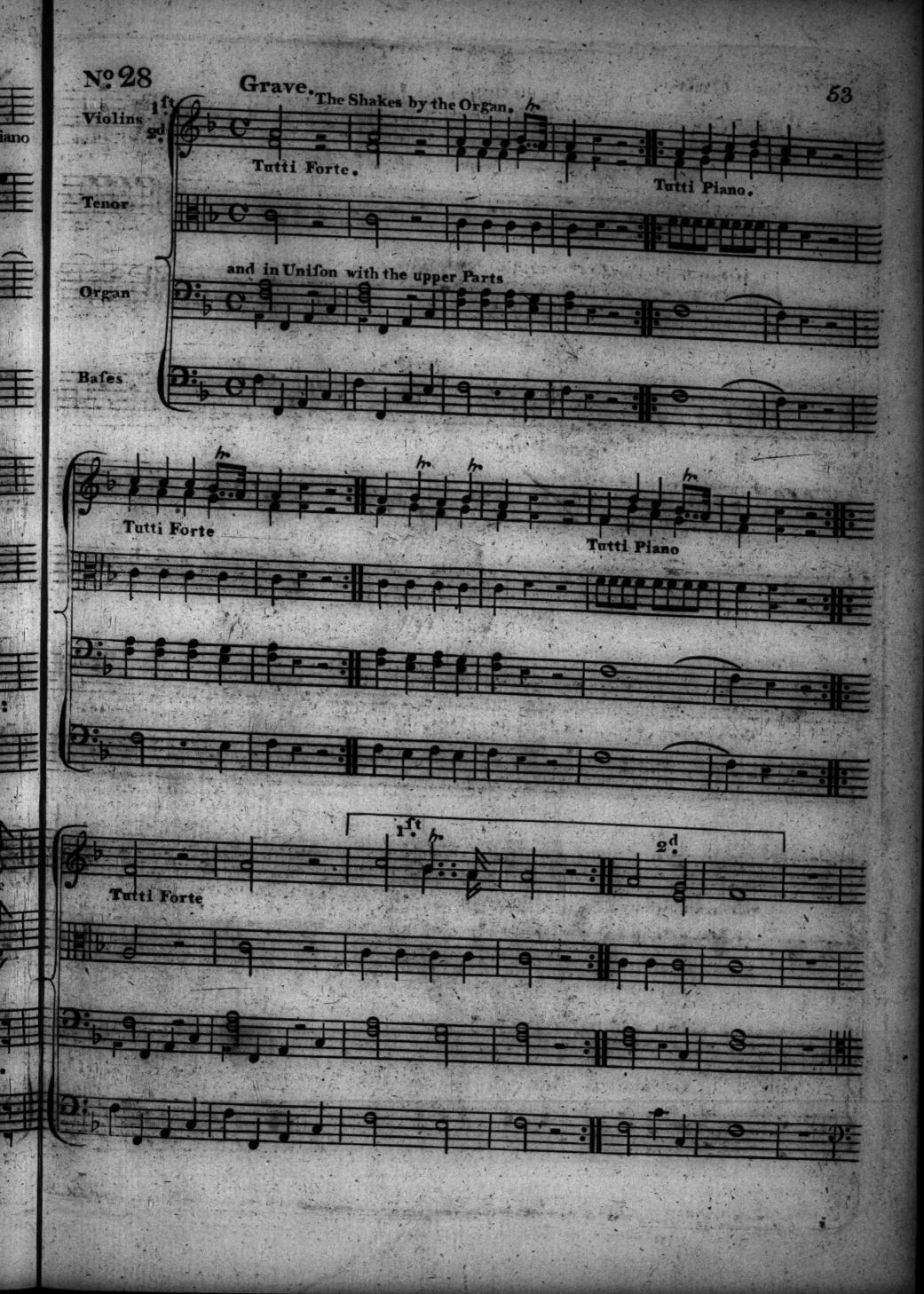




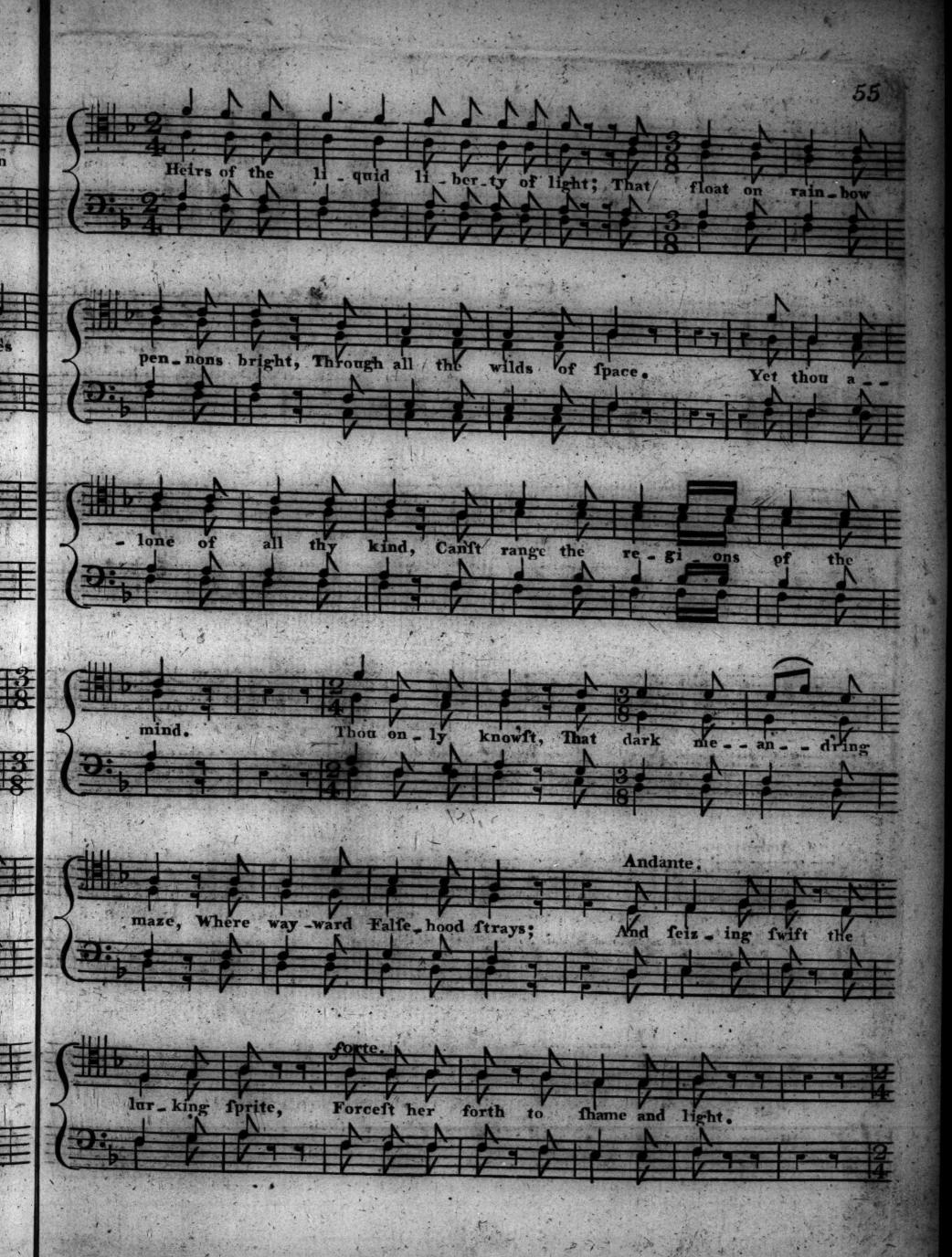








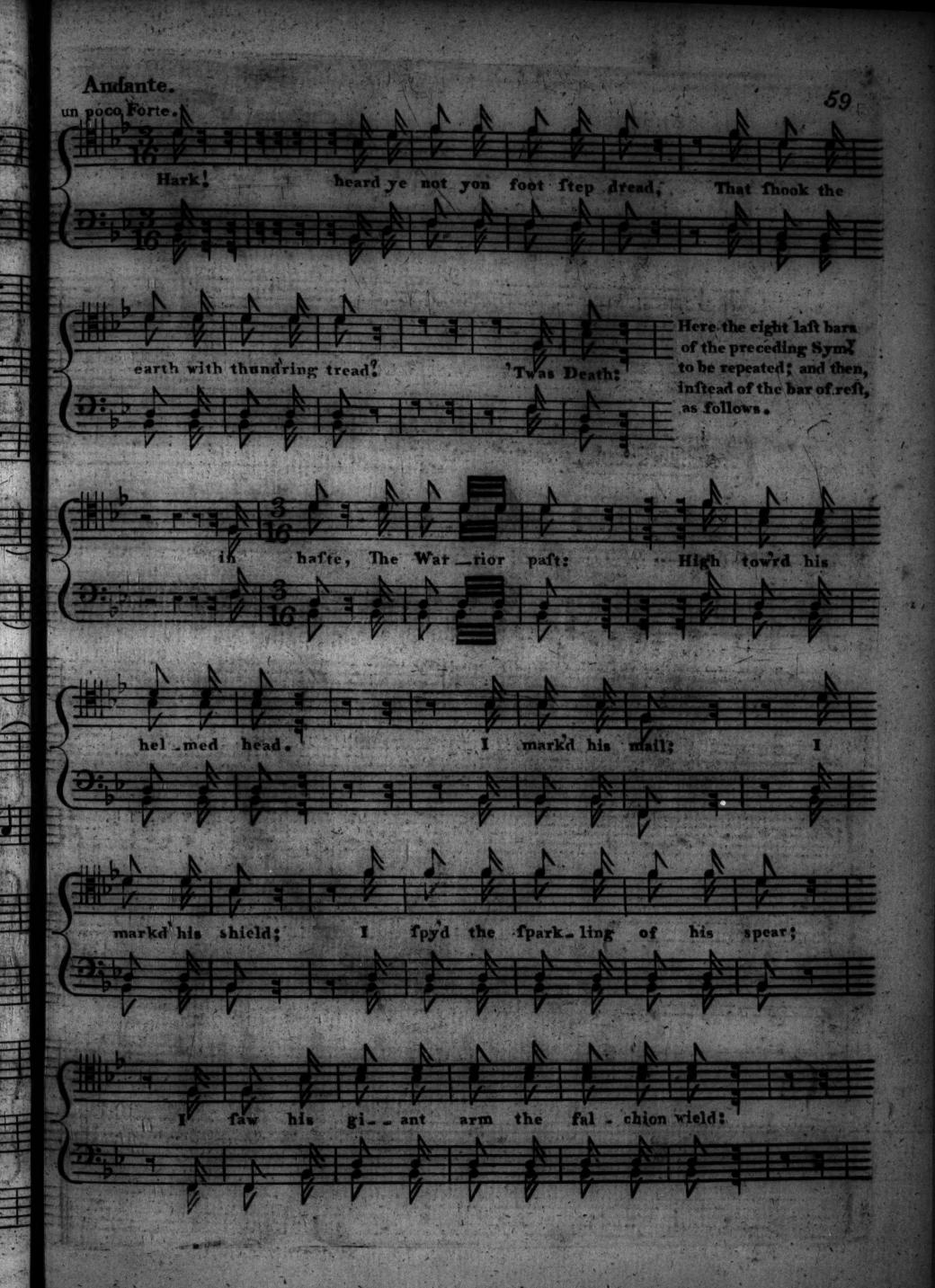










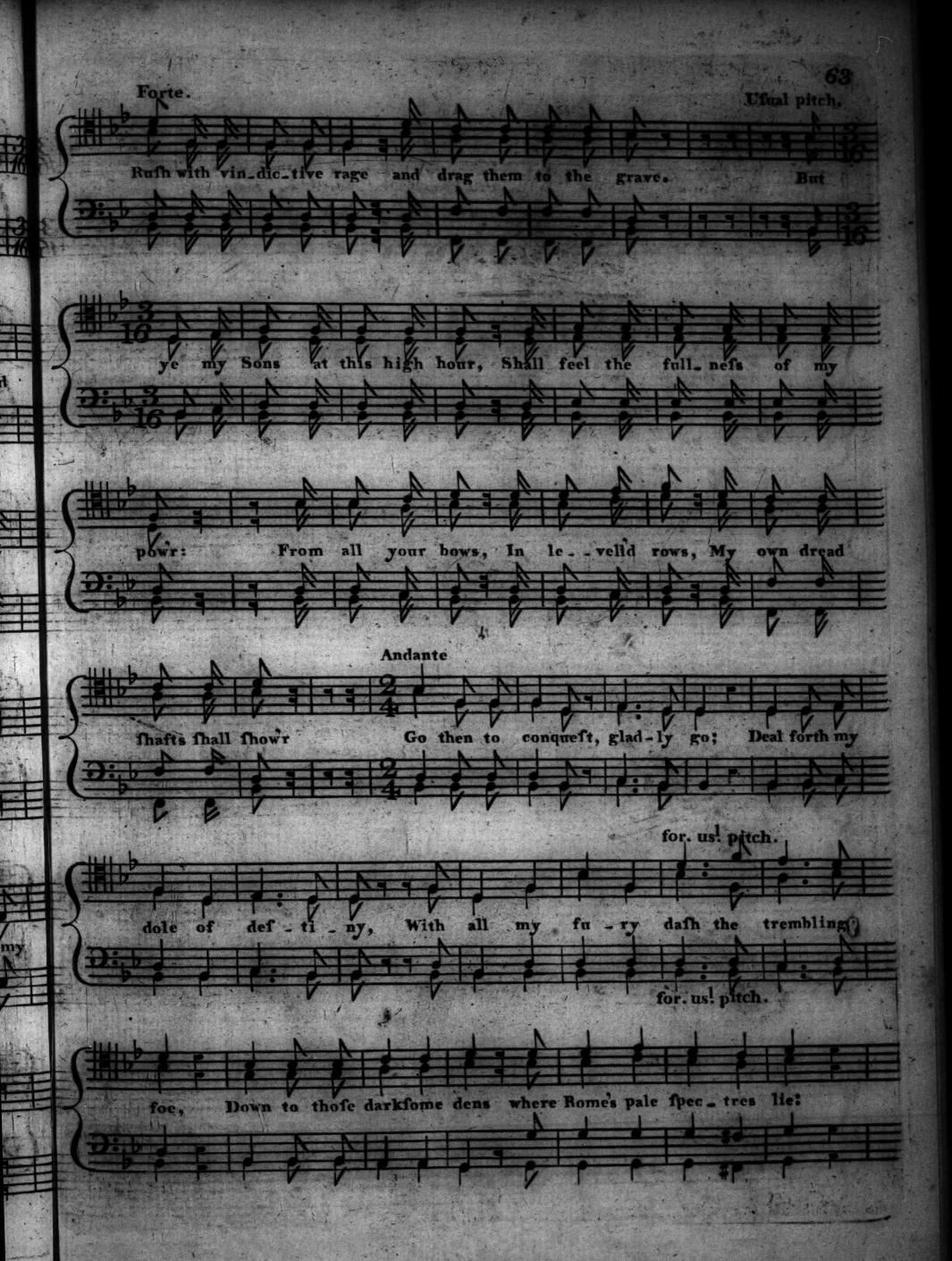




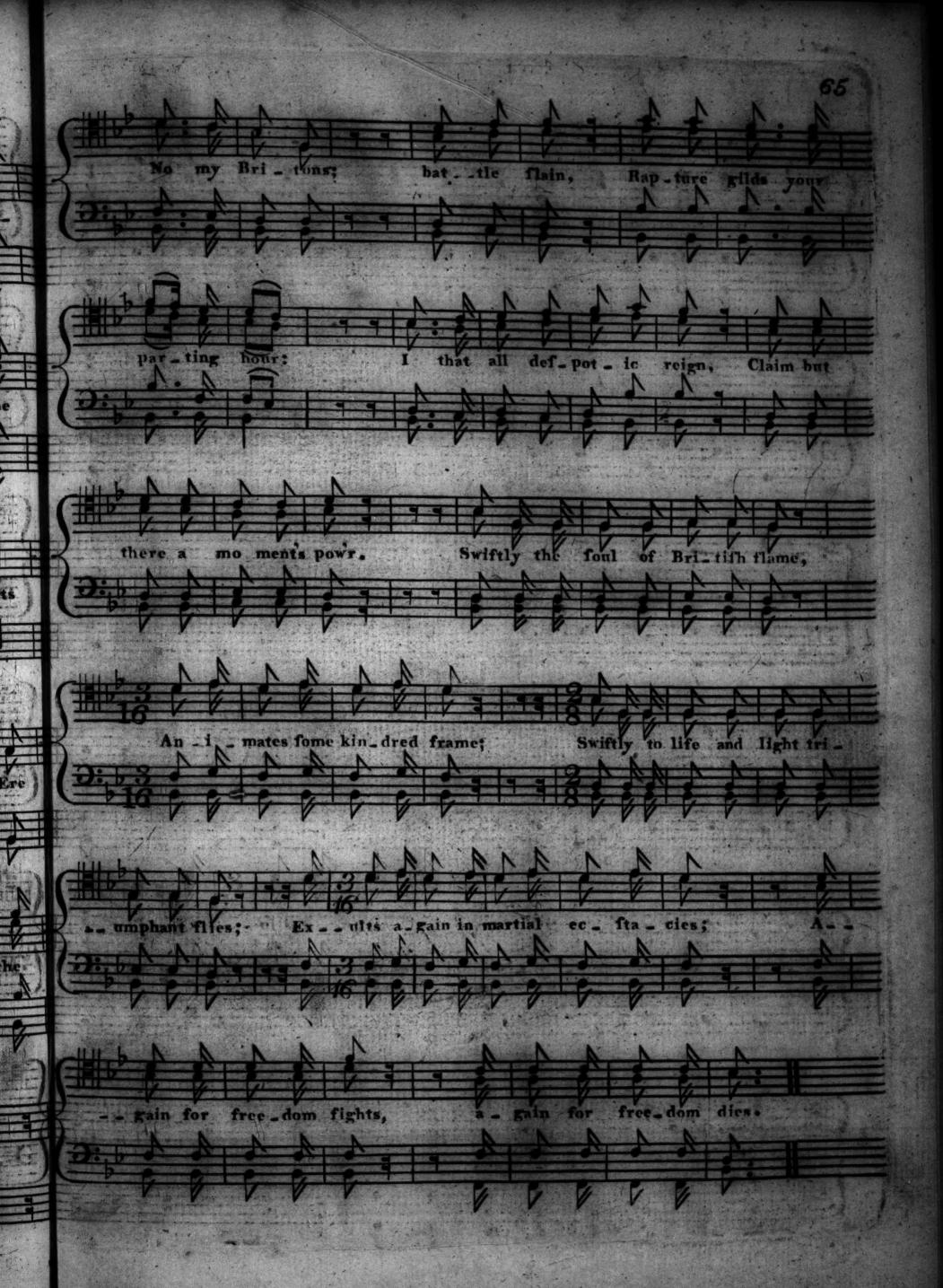




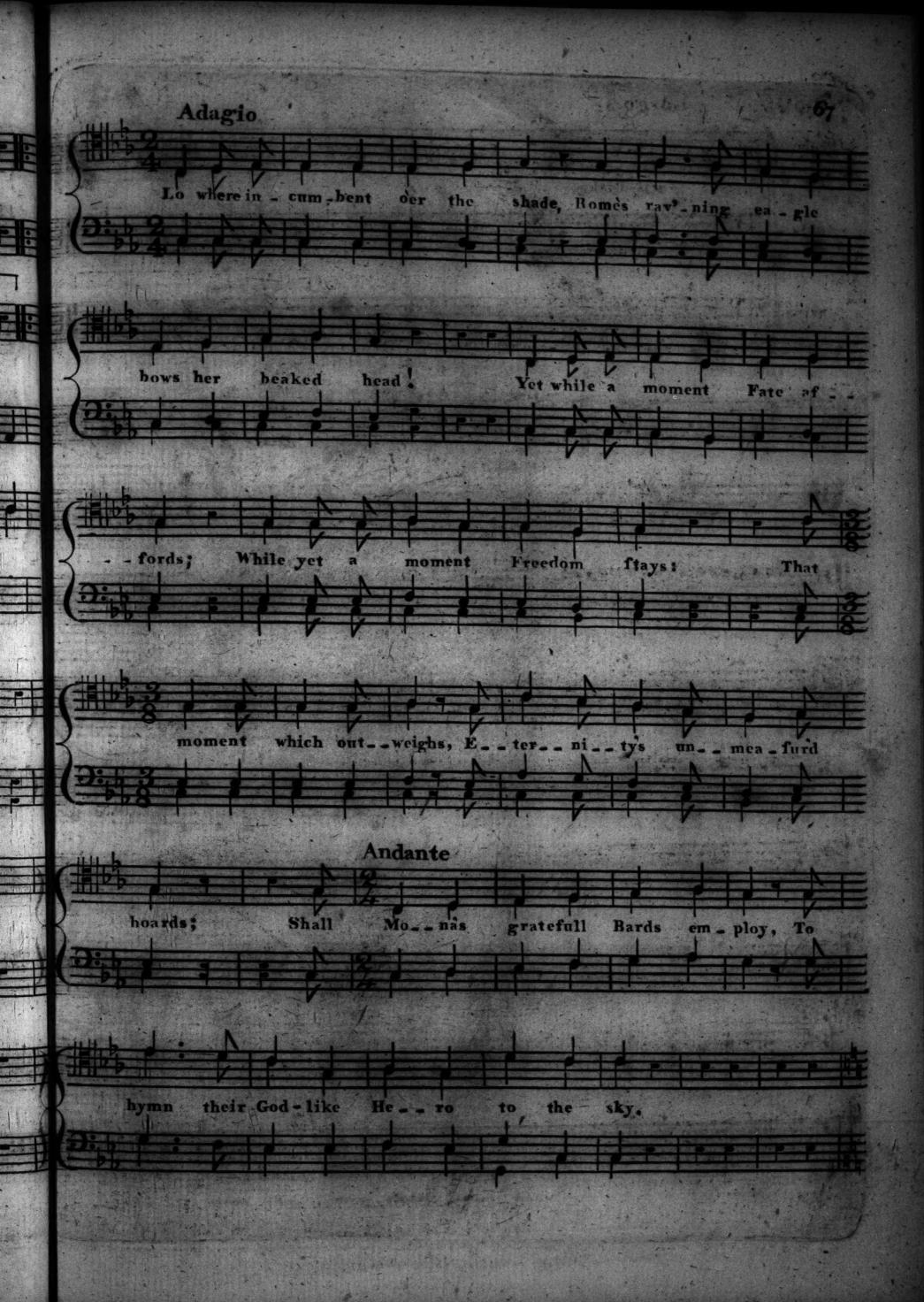




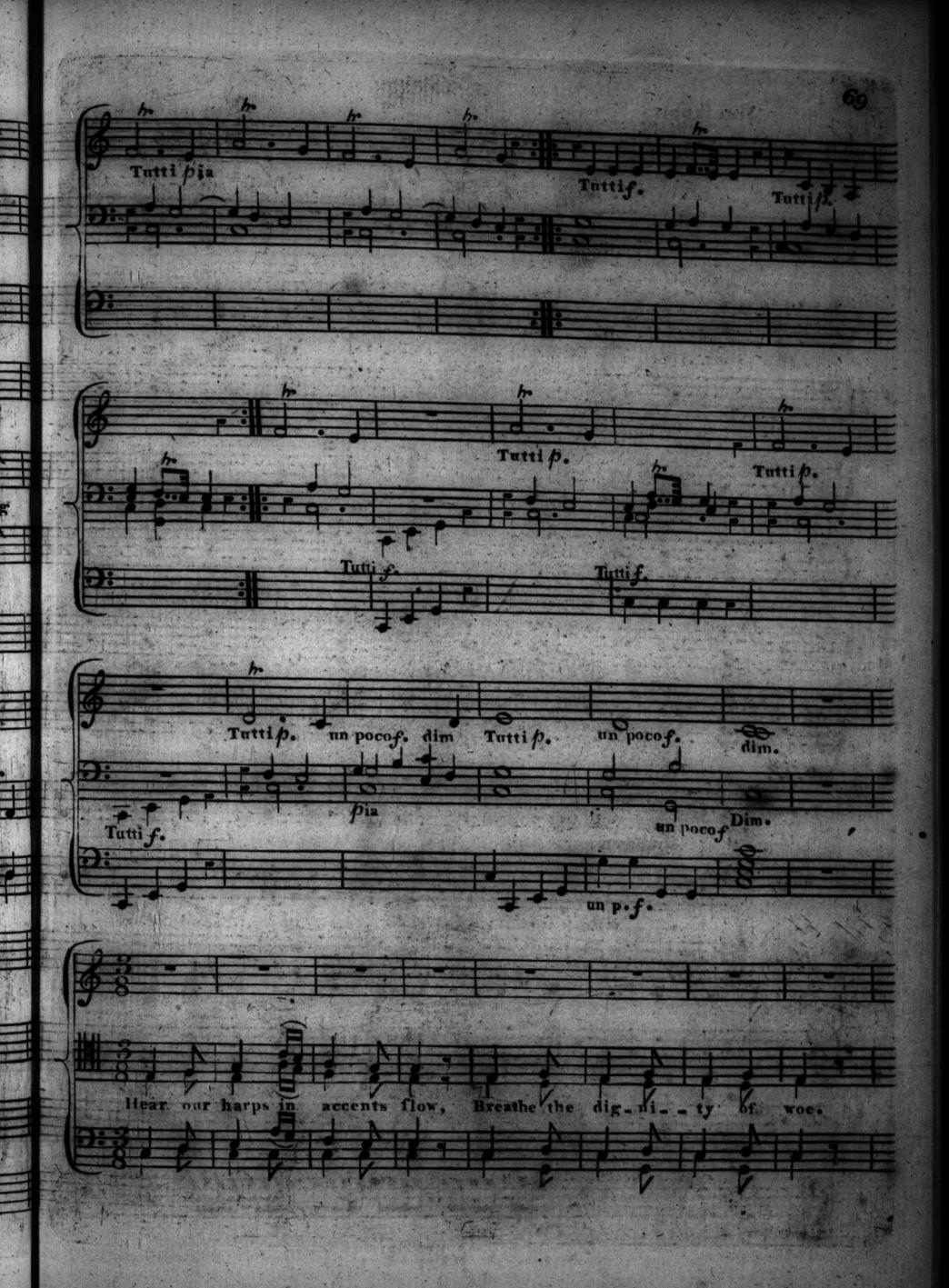


















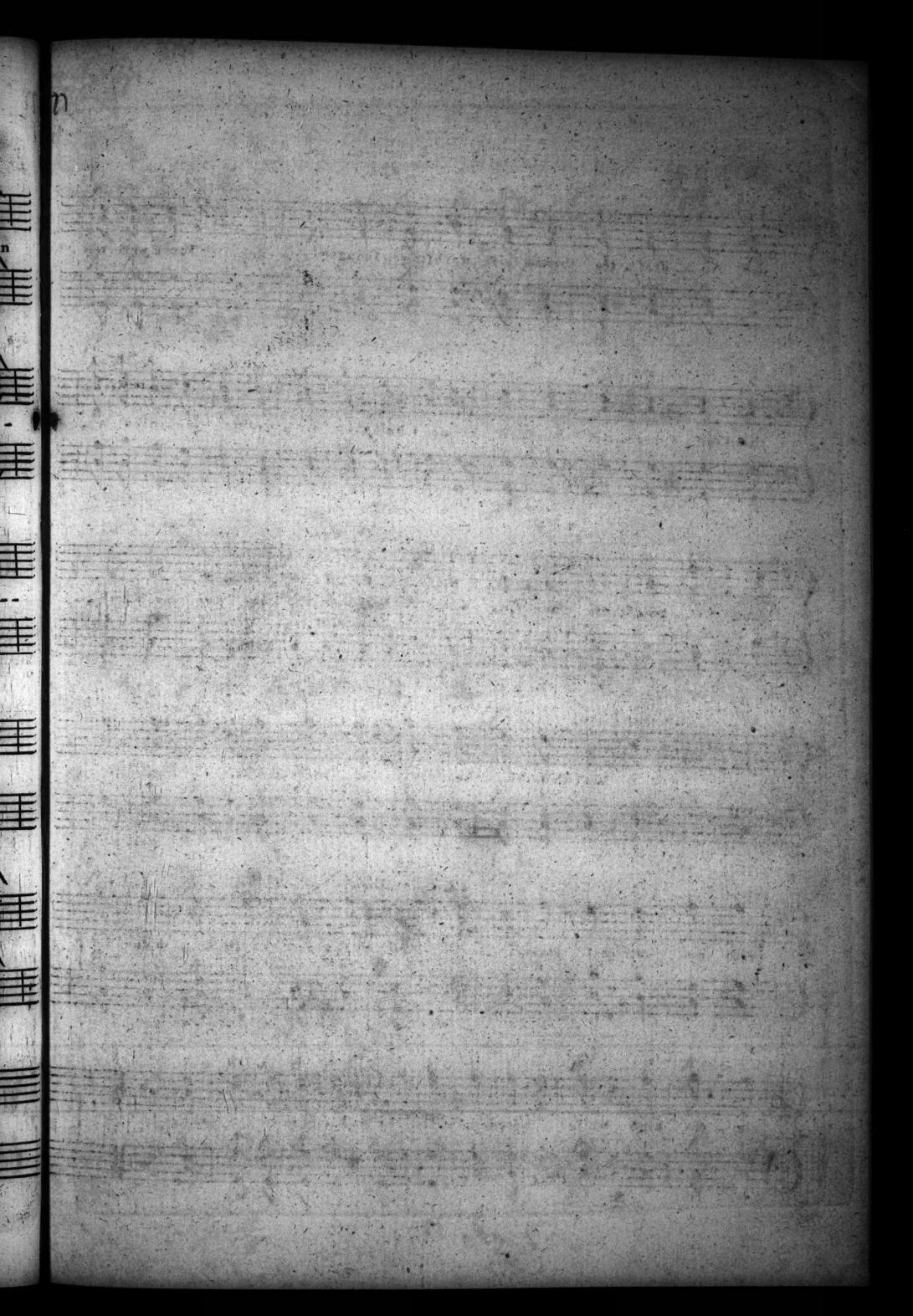




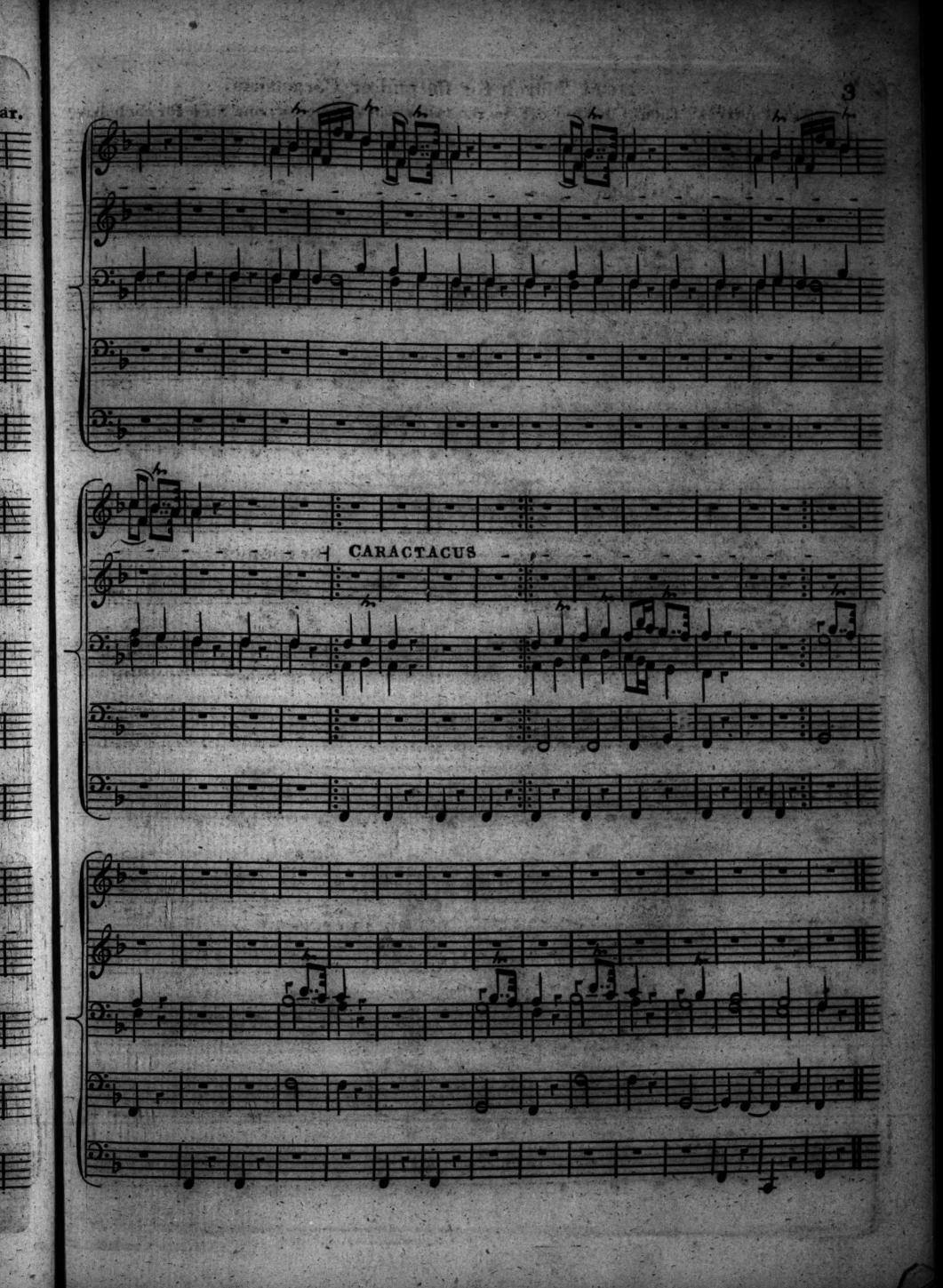
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If the beginning of this March should not be found long enough to introduce the Captives properly, it may be lengthened by altering from the end of the twelfth bar in the following manner.

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To express the proper accent of the Symphony No 14. it should be read thus Violins 1 .. & 2 do Andantino Tenor Bases

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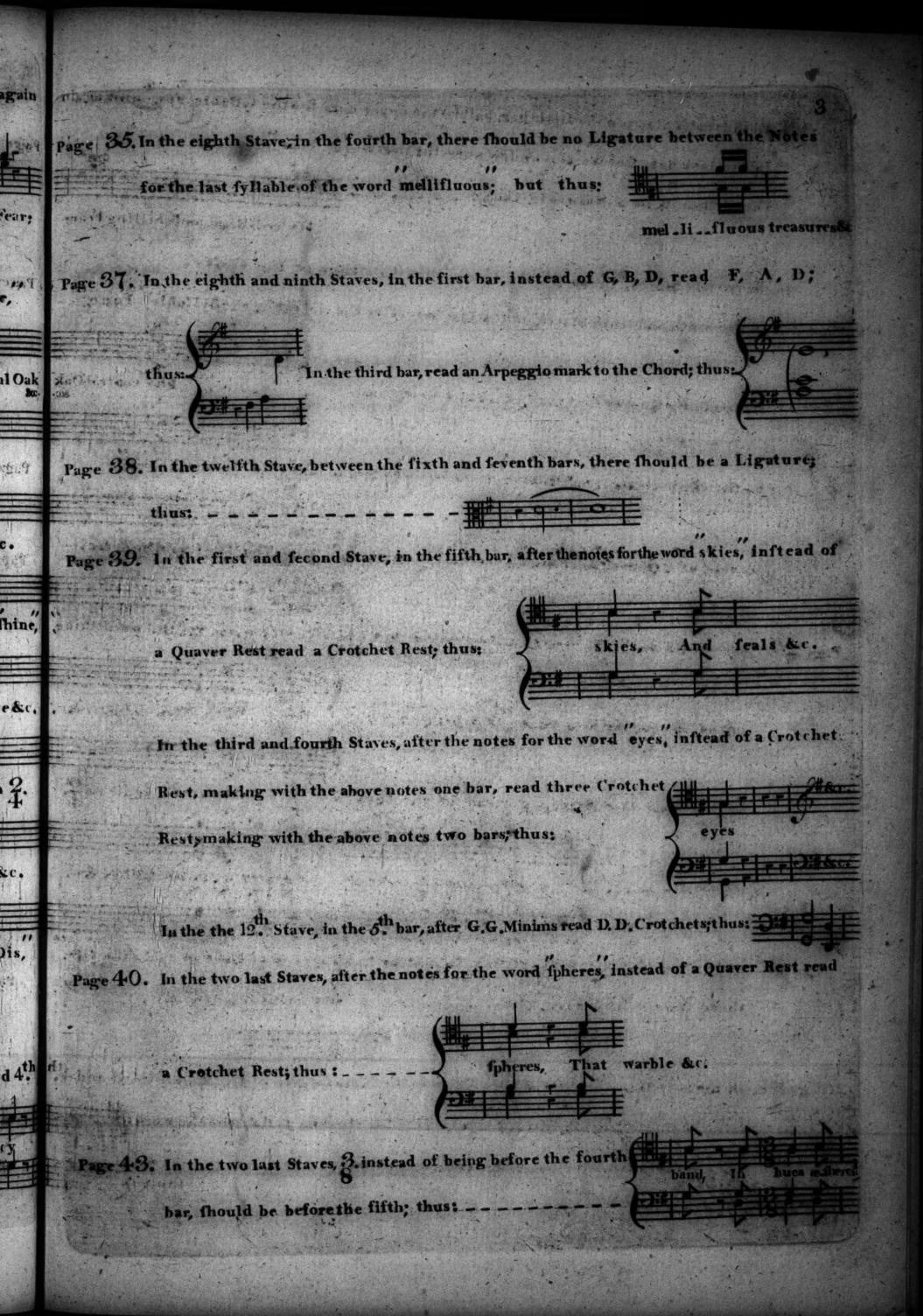
Page 2. In the first Stave, in the first and fecond Bars, and again in the third and fourth Bare, read the Second Violin's part with Ligatures; thus: In the fifth and fixth Bars, read the "un poco Fermo" of the first Violinto begin at the fixth Bar . _ In the fifth Stave, in the first Bar, read over the first Violin's part Piano; in the feccond Bar, read over the above Violin Part un poco Fermo. Page 3. In the third Stave, in the third Bar, inftead of G Minim read A Minim; thus In the sixth Stave, in the first Bar, inftead of F Crotchets read B. Crotchets; thus: In the third Bar, inftead of B. Crotchets read A. Crotchets; thus: In the fixth Bar, inftead of G. Minim, read F. Minim; thus: Page 5. In the first, fecond and third Staves, read the fourth & fifth bars thus: Page 6. In the twelfth Stave, in the fifth bar, between the Note for the word dare and the Note for the word To read a Quaver Rest; thus: ----Page 8. In the third and fifth bars of the Tenor Cliff of the Symphony No 3. read the Tenor's part with a Ligature; thus: _ Page 13. In the 7th and 8th Staves, read 2 before the 5th bar instead of the 4th thus: mphony Nº6. there should be no Ligature between D. Minim and D. Minim; but thus: Page 15. The bar after the four last bars of N. 6. inftead of the bar of rest, should be thus;

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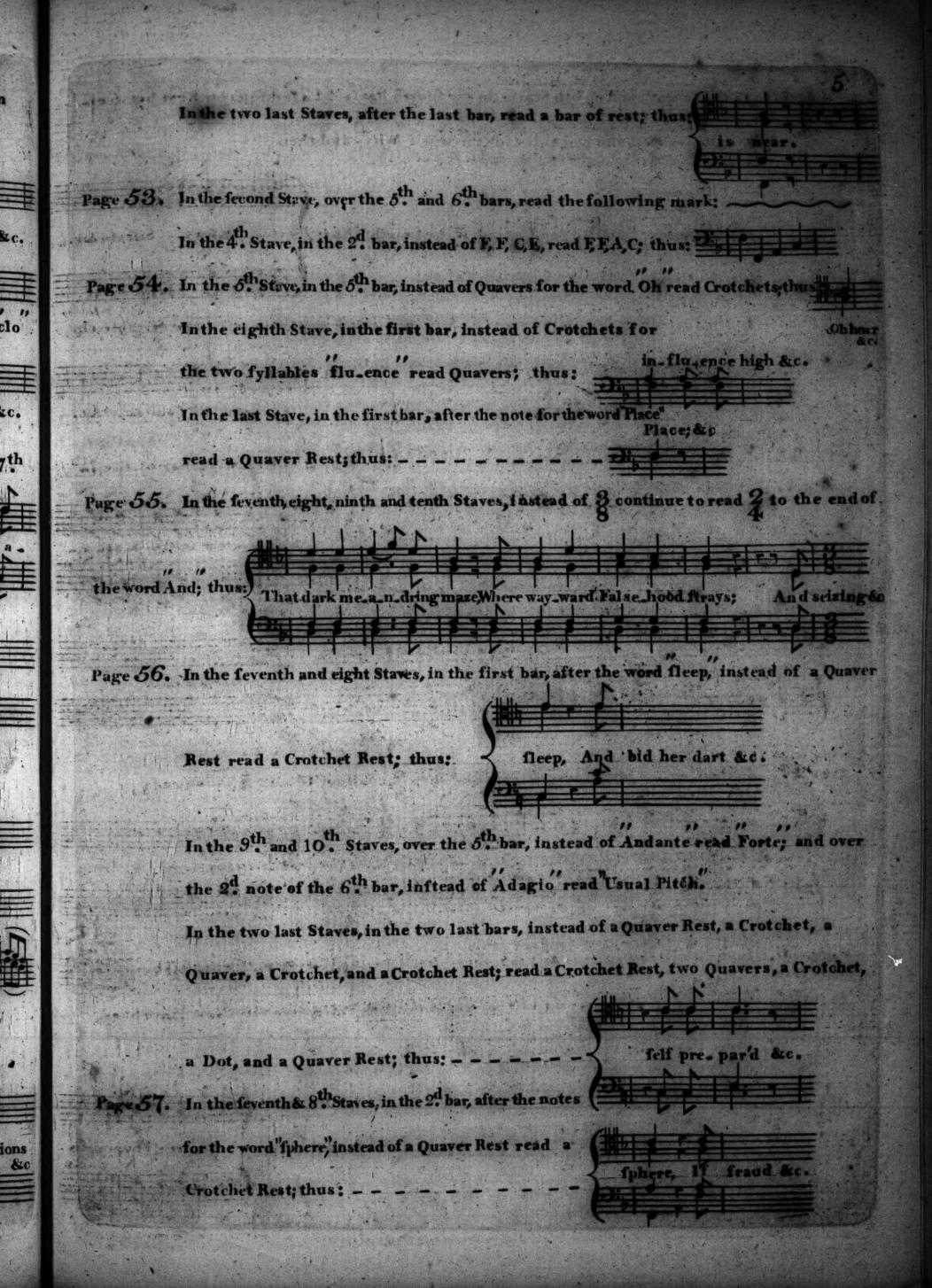
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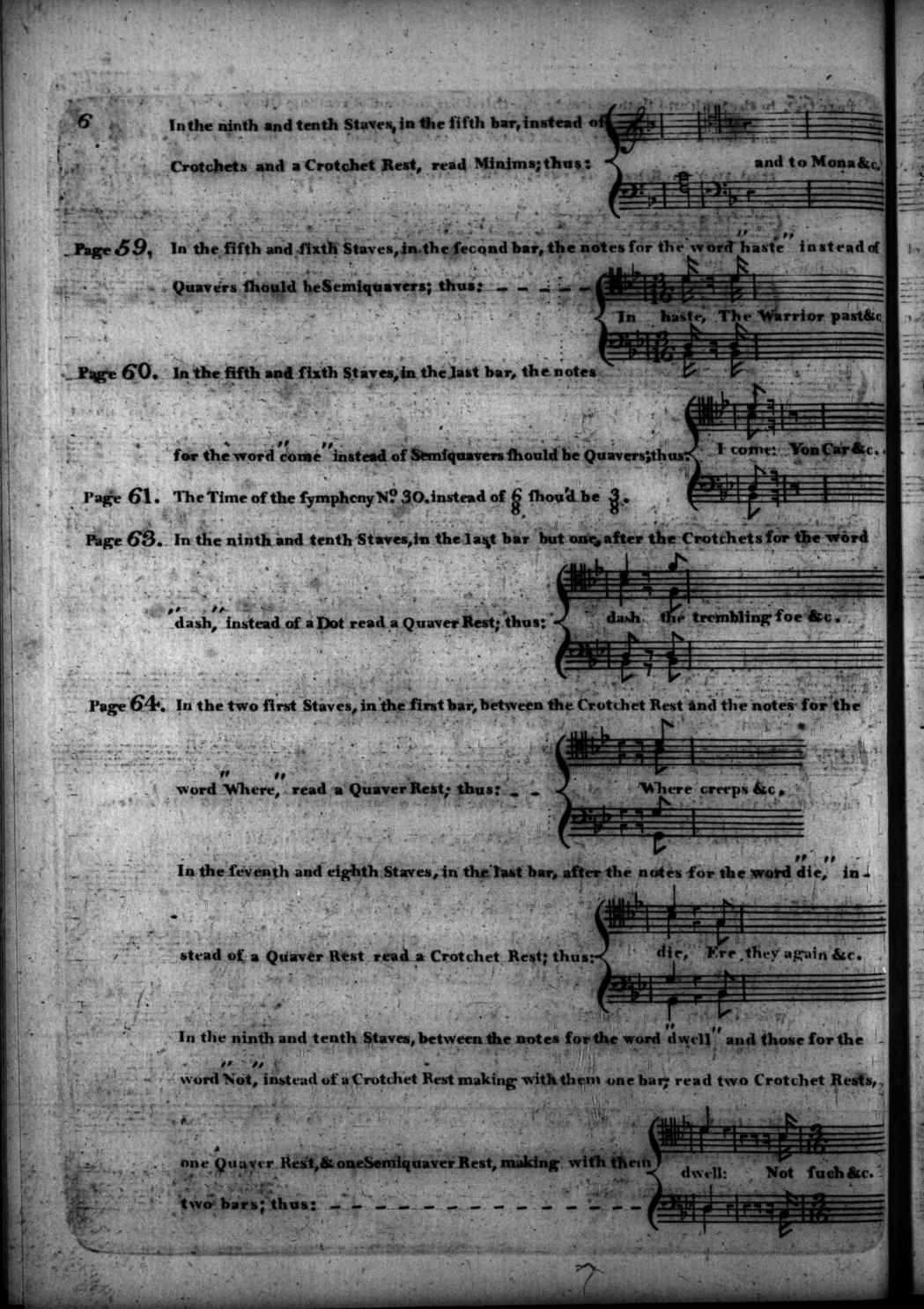
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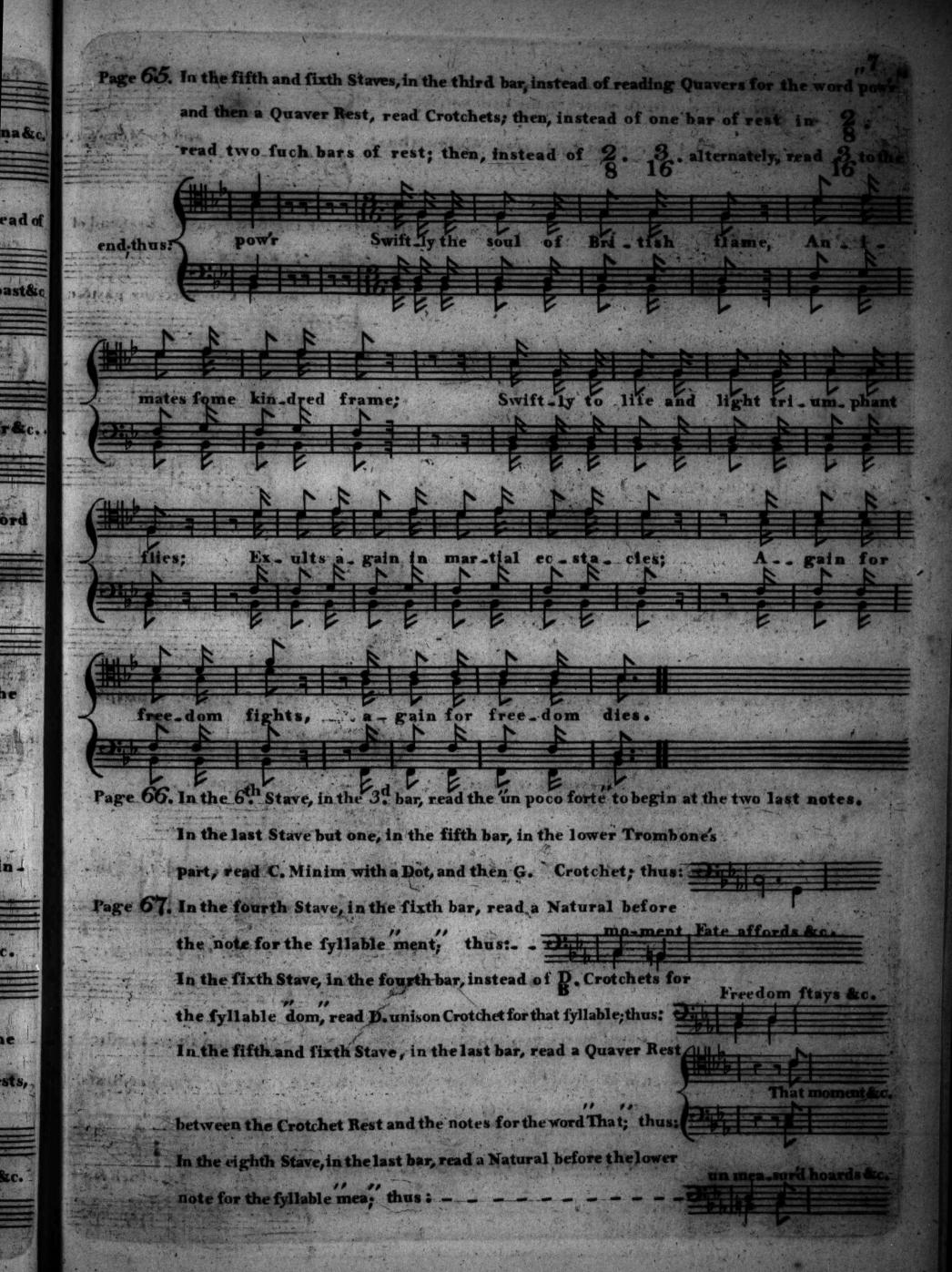
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Page 45. In the feventh and eighth Staves, in the fourth bar, read a femiquaver Rest between the Quaver Rest and the notes for the word Why; and then read 3 before the fifth har instead of the fourth; thus: ___ In the feventh Stave, in the two last bars, before the upper note for the fyllable clo and that for the word lids, there should be no Flat but thus: cloused lids the tear? &c. Page 46. In the feventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth Staves, beginning at the third bar of the 7th and eighth, instead of reading 3 read 2; thus: lone, The fwart Star flings his pes tilen tial fire Page 47. In the four last Staves, instead of 2 and then 3, continue to read 2 to the end; in the bright fount of day, Till destiny pre-pare a thrine of purrer clay Page 50. In the ninth Stave, in the last bar, there should be Ligatures to the notes; thus In the fecond Stave, over the last bar, and in the fifth Stave, over the three first bars, there should be the following mark: ~ In the feventh and eighth Staves, after the notes for the word unseen, instead of a Quaver Rest there flouid be a Crotchet Rest; thus: un seen, Thy pinions















At the beginning of the Symphony Nº 26, instead of these words, The second Violin may be played in unison with the Tenor, read as follows; "The second Violin may either be played in unison with the Tenor or with the first Violin, according to the effect?"

